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Iraq vows retaliation

Iran tries to bomb Saddam's family home

BAGHDAD, June 3, (Agencies): Iraq vowed "crushing retaliation" after accusing Iran of trying to bomb the family home of President Saddam Hussein today.

It said an F-4 Phantom plane missed the house near the town of Tikrit, 200 km (125 miles) north of Baghdad, and dropped its bombload nearby.

A government statement said no one was hurt and anti-aircraft fire drove the plane off after the 5:55 am (0155 GMT) raid. It did not say whether Saddam or his family were at home.

Breach

The statement said the raid breached Iraq's unilateral halt since April 20 to attacks on civilian areas and was an attempt to restart the "war of the cities". But Iraq would not retaliate immediately.

"Iraq's comprehensive and crushing retaliation is the legitimate answer for this perfidious crime, which the Iranian regime deserves by all humanitarian, moral and legal measures," the statement said.

"This inevitable retaliation will not take place today... Iraq is not the type which behaves on the basis of (irrational) reaction and it does not lose balance in such circumstances."

The Iranian news agency Irna, monitored in Nicosia, said aircraft bombed "military-indus-

trial centres" at Sa'd township in Tikrit.

The Iraqi statement was issued after a meeting, chaired by Saddam, of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council and the Baath Party regional leadership.

Each side has accused the other of violating the informal truce in the missile and air raids on civilian centres which claimed hundreds of lives.

Downed

Iranian planes targeted Tikrit several times early in the war, which started in September 1980, but it had been not attacked in recent years.

The Iraqi statement said the attack was also intended to "cover up Iran's defeats at the battlefield after years of failure."

Iraq's daily high command communique said helicopter gunships downed an Iranian 214-Bell helicopter in a dogfight over the northern warfront today.

Plans

Iraq is planning at least five more offensives shortly to recapture enclaves on Iraqi soil still held by Iranian forces, officials and military sources in Baghdad said today.

The Iraqi plans come in the wake of two major victories for Baghdad's troops in the past seven weeks, one on the Faw peninsula in southern Iraq, and the other at Salamchah, east of Basra.

The two Iraqi victories caused Iran to shake up its military command structure.

Analysts believed at least some of the Iraqi offensives may come while the Iranians are still in confusion.

Saad Bazzaz, a senior Iraqi official who has written a book on Iraq's recapture of Faw in a major offensive April 17 and 18, said Baghdad's plans for more attacks was "no military secret."

The Iraqi military announced before their latest offensive at Salamchah May 25 they were planning attacks at six points, "and we reported that in the Iraqi News Agency," Bazzaz said.

Majnoon

He said in addition to Salamchah, the Iraqi forces were planning attacks against Iranian troops in the marshes east of Amara and on the two Majnoon islands, also in the marshes but further south.

The Iraqis were also planning to expel the Iranians from territories they held near the (Iranian) border (Mehran, some 100 miles (160 km) east of Baghdad, and from hilltop positions in an enclave near Qasr Shirin, 120 miles (190 km) northeast of Baghdad).

Another offensive is planned at Halabja, the Kurdish town further north which Iranian troops seized March 17, he said.

A Western diplomat in Baghdad said the "big prize" for the Iraqis would be the recapture of the Majnoon islands, man-made structures in the Howizza marshes sitting on eight billion barrels of proven Iraqi crude oil reserves. The Iraqis captured the islands in 1984.

Tehran will press on with war

Rafsanjani named armed forces chief

NICOSIA, June 3, (Agencies): Iran's new acting armed forces chief, speaking after recent battlefield reverses, said today Tehran would pursue its war aim of toppling the Iraqi government at any price.

"Not for one moment should we become lax in pursuing the war," Tehran Radio quoted Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as telling worshippers at Tehran's mass Friday prayers meeting.

"We are determined to wrest our rights from Iraq (the ruling) Baath Party at any price. There is nothing and no one in the world to stop us and our decision is serious and irreversible."

In-charge

Iran has refused a UN ceasefire call until Iraq is named the aggressor in the war, now well into its eighth year. A consistent demand has been the overthrow of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini appointed Rafsanjani as acting commander in chief yesterday following serious military setbacks over the past two months.

Khomeini ordered Rafsanjani to take charge of the regular Army, the Revolutionary Guards and other armed forces, to co-ordinate them, merge overlapping support departments and mobilise the people for the war effort.

Rafsanjani said Iran was taking the war more seriously after recent developments, the Iranian news agency Irna reported.

He said Khomeini, who remains constitutionally commander-in-chief, could not, and was not expected to, personally attend to all aspects of the armed forces.

"On the other hand, the necessary co-ordination did not exist between the Army, the Revolutionary Guards and the other forces and efforts were wasted," the radio quoted Rafsanjani as saying.

Revolutionary Guard com-



Rafsanjani: continue

mander Mohsen Rezaei said he hoped for "new zeal in the battlefields for a more rapid suppression of the aggressor" in a congratulatory message to Rafsanjani, Irna reported.

Political analysts said Rafsanjani's appointment would also strengthen his hand in the leadership where differences have appeared over major economic and social issues.

Irna referred to Rafsanjani as the "temporary speaker" of Parliament, suggesting he will relinquish the post.

Denounce

Iran on Wednesday denounced US "gunboat diplomacy" in the Gulf.

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, meanwhile, agreed to hold a new round of UN talks on ending the war. But he said in a letter on Tuesday to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that the "cardinal first step" toward peace must be branding Iraq the aggressor.

"The military forces of the United States and its allies... invaded the Gulf and under the guise of maintaining security of this international waterway caused its increasing instability," Velayati said.

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Reagan gets a standing ovation from Thatcher (right) and Nancy after his speech at the Guildhall. (Reuters wirephoto)

57 miners killed in W. Germany

BORKEN, West Germany, June 3, (AP): Rescue workers today pulled the 23rd body from a mine where an explosion killed 57 men, while the state governor promised that families of Turkish immigrants killed will be allowed to stay in West Germany.

Hesse state Governor Walter Wallman also said a special fund would be set up to aid the family members struck by Wednesday's disaster at the Stolzenbach mine in Borken 120 kilometres north-west of Frankfurt.

Rescue workers continued to remove the bodies from the mine. Work was continuing, although officials emphasised it was going slowly and could take several days.

Crowds of grieving relatives continued to gather at the site.

Suffocated

More details about the types of injuries also were emerging. "Several of those found had such great injuries that they could have died from those causes anyway, even without the carbon monoxide," said Stefan Walscher, the local prosecutor leading the investigation into the blast. Investigators say that many of the miners whose bodies have been retrieved so far died due to suffocation from lack of air.

Workers were drilling two new emergency shafts to let more air into the ill-fated mine to aid rescuers retrieving bodies.

A Hesse state official said the cause of the blast had still not been determined, but he rejected any contention that safety measures at the mine were inadequate.

Thatcher lauds Reagan 'Cold war barriers being taken down'

LONDON, June 3, (Agencies): Amid mediaeval pageantry, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gave a majestic send-off today to President Reagan hailing his presidency for restoring "faith in the American dream."

Reagan's 26-hour stopover in London — probably the last visit here of his term in office — ended amid rhetoric on both sides that underlined the "special relationship" of the two leaders who are good friends and share a conservative philosophy. Reagan left London yesterday afternoon.

For a major speech on East-West relations, Reagan was provided London's 15th century Guildhall.

Memorable

The British sought to make it a memorable visit for the Reagans, providing a Buckingham Palace tea with the Queen and all the pomp and circumstance they could muster.

In a toast at a gala dinner last night, Thatcher told the President that he will take a place among the greatest US Presidents.

The Guildhall ceremony opened with a trumpet fanfare. After Reagan's address, Thatcher made comments that sounded like a valedictory to the Reagan presidency.

"Above all... you have restored faith in the American dream, a dream of boundless opportunity built on enterprise, individual effort and personal generosity," she said.

Reagan, in his speech said his

summits with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had begun "to take down the barriers" of the cold war, but vowed America will remain wary and strong as it seeks lasting changes in Soviet policies.

Reagan, delivering an overview of his first visit to the Kremlin, said he had discovered Gorbachev to be "a serious man seeking serious reform" and that the superpowers may be entering "a new era of history."

Though Gorbachev had expressed disappointment that an opportunity had been lost during this week's summit, Reagan said "tangible progress" had been made on a pact to reduce the stockpiles of long-range nuclear weapons. Though aides say difficult obstacles remain, Reagan added, "such a treaty... is, I believe, now within our grasp."

Briefing

The President followed his warm personal assessment of Gorbachev by asserting that he will not be pushed into abandoning efforts to criticise human rights abuses in the Soviet Union.

Reagan also gave Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita a personal briefing today on the summit. Takeshita was visiting Britain as part of an European tour.

Meanwhile, Gorbachev went straight from the summit into a key Communist Party vote today as Moscow party chiefs met to decide who to send to a major conference on political reform.

US envoy's car hit by bullet in Beirut

BEIRUT, June 3, (Agencies): A bullet struck US Ambassador John Kelly's car during a brief, accidental exchange of gunfire between his bodyguards and a Christian Phalangist militia patrol in East Beirut yesterday, police reported.

US officials said no one was hurt. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said the incident was sparked by a "traffic altercation."

Two men in an automobile belonging to the Phalangist militia in East Beirut attempted to force their way through a motorcade guarding Kelly on a trip from his

residence to the US embassy, she said.

"Subsequently, associates of the two men in the car fired on the ambassador's convoy," Mrs Oakley said. "Subsequently our security personnel returned fire in response to this confrontation. The ambassador continued safely on to the embassy."

"Our preliminary conclusion is that it was not a planned ambush or assassination attempt. No US or Lebanese personnel at the embassy were wounded. We have no reports that anyone else was injured."

The US embassy in Beirut denied today that embassy

bodyguards had sparked the

shootout. "Persisting reports in the local Lebanese media indicate that the shooting involving the American ambassador's motorcade on June 2 was caused by the weapons being fired by the motorcade to clear traffic."

"This is false. American embassy guards do not fire their weapons to clear traffic."

In a separate development, Lebanese Justice Minister Nabih Berri today disbanded his Shiite Amal militia after its defeat in a bloody power struggle with pro-Iranian fundamentalists in Beirut's southern slums last month, radio stations reported.

Raj Kapoor is dead

BOMBAY, June 3, (Reuters): Raj Kapoor, India's most celebrated director, actor and producer of popular Hindi films, was cremated here today.

Raj Kapoor, 64, died yesterday in New Delhi. Thousands of people lined along the five-km (three mile) route from Raj Kapoor's famous RK studios to the crematorium to watch the funeral procession pass.

Vigil

The Indian film industry, the world's largest and centred mainly in Bombay, closed to mourn Raj Kapoor.

Raj Kapoor played a vital part in the Indian film industry, the biggest in the world. He collapsed from an asthma attack at the

film awards ceremony on May 2. Indian President R. Venkataraman broke with protocol and stepped down from the stage to present the Phalke award to Raj Kapoor, who was gasping for breath.

Thousands of fans maintained a daily vigil outside his hospital room. Newspapers and television gave daily bulletins on his condition and four days ago he went into a coma.

Only members of the family, most of them movie stars in their own right, and leading figures such as Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi were allowed to visit him.

An actor's son Raj Kapoor began his career sweeping the floors of film sets and went on to



Raj Kapoor: In his early days become a star wherever Indian films were shown, including the Soviet Union and China.

Millions loved him for introducing social issues into India's romantic films in which the handsome hero and the beautiful heroine lived happily ever after.

In a tribute to Raj Kapoor, Rajiv said he had learned of his death with shock and grief.

Moscow summit hailed as a success

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): World leaders generally hailed the Moscow summit as a success, praising President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for achieving what could realistically have been expected of them.

Commentators said a new era had opened in East-West relations but some pointed out that although solid progress was made, major tasks still lay ahead on arms control and other issues.

The results of the unprecedented fourth superpower summit which ended in Moscow yesterday were warmly received both in East and West and by the heads of international organisations.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda summed up a widely felt sentiment, paying lavish tribute to Reagan and Gorbachev for their success in achieving a nuclear arms control accord.

"It takes two to tango and these two men have tangoed for peace," Kaunda said.

During a 24-hour stopover in London on his way home, Reagan was told by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher that he had ushered in a new era of East-West relations.

Phase

West German officials hailed the summit's results and chief government spokesman Friedrich Oetzel said the dialogue begun must be continued in the interest of improving East-West relations.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl said he was thankful Reagan voiced the question of human rights in his Moscow speech.

Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti told reporters in Brussels the summit "has opened a new phase in East-West relations even if they will remain characterised in the near future by competition."

He said the summit "could not have achieved more, perhaps because the US Congress does not want to let Reagan pass through a triumphal arch."

France's socialist President Francois Mitterrand, in an upbeat assessment, said: "My impression is that things have moved forward."

Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordenez said: "We are pleased that their joint statement mentions that a nuclear war cannot be won and therefore must not be waged."

Lord Carrington, outgoing secretary general of the Nato alliance, said the unprecedented personal bond between the Soviet and American leaders "augurs well for further reductions of tension". But he cautioned the new climate could weaken Nato's case for strengthening its defences.

Caution

A spokesman for UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he welcomed the Moscow summit as an important step toward more productive and sustainable US-Soviet relations.

Delegates to a UN special session on disarmament gave the Moscow summit generally good reviews, but some cautioned that results were slight compared to the tasks remaining.

Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said a Soviet-American balance of power could not guarantee security for all. "Things are by no means that simple," he said.

Prime Minister Charles Haughey of Ireland said the accord on intermediate range missiles would eliminate only a tiny fraction of nuclear stockpiles.

The Soviet Union's Warsaw Pact ally East Germany welcomed the superpower treaty.

Arab-Israeli settlement possible, says Shultz

CAIRO, June 3, (Agencies): US Secretary of State George Shultz, launching his fourth Middle East shuttle this year, tonight urged Arabs and Israelis to stop denying each other's right to negotiate within the framework of a US peace plan.

But Shultz told reporters on a flight from London that he has "no particular indication" of changes in positions since his last failed effort two months ago.

In a five-page arrival statement, Shultz said the root of the Arab-Israeli dispute "is the competition between two national movements for sovereignty on one land."

Prejudices

He said neither the Palestinians nor the Israelis seem able to abandon "prejudices, hatred and overblown dreams" in favour of a negotiated settlement.

Despite the traditional impasse, however, Shultz said there is room for Israelis and Palestinians to live side-by-side in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.

"Arabs and Israelis are not engaged in a winner-take-all competition," Shultz said. "A fair settlement is possible, even though people have difficulty conceiving how to achieve it."

Shultz's five-day mission will take him from Egypt to Jordan, Israel and Syria. He flew here from London, where he had accompanied President Reagan en route home from the Moscow summit.

Shultz said the Soviets seemed to have softened their stand on a multinational Middle East peace

conference by no longer insisting that it be "authoritative."

In his airborne news conference, Shultz said the Soviets now use the word "effective" to describe the conference he is trying to set up to deal first with Palestinian self-rule, then an overall settlement.

"We sense the Soviets' great interest in this subject," Shultz said. "There seems to be some motion, a little probing, but an unwillingness to take positions in a crisp way."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, with some support from Shultz, has opposed any peace talks that might let the Soviets throw their weight behind positions of their Arab allies. It was not clear whether the slight change Shultz said he detected could influence Shamir, whom Shultz sees twice on Sunday.

Israel does not expect a major breakthrough during Shultz's visit but sees the mission as an effort to keep the peace process alive, Israeli government sources said.

Killed

In the occupied West Bank, Jewish settlers today shot and killed one Palestinian and wounded another during a clash with Arab villagers who charged the Israelis had vandalised homes and beat residents.

At least seven Palestinians were injured in clashes with the Army during demonstrations that erupted in several West Bank towns, hospital and Palestinian sources said.

A general strike paralysed the occupied territories and breathed new life into the six-month Arab uprising.

Ten years for killing daughter

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced a 70-year-old man to 10 years in jail for the premeditated murder of his daughter.

The prosecution stated that the accused had stabbed his daughter to death because she had once tried to elope with her non-Kuwaiti lover, but their attempt was foiled by the police. The daughter had later married her cousin and was leading a normal life. However, the accused, unable to live with the disgrace of the previous incident, went to the victim's house and stabbed her to death.

DAY BY DAY

SUMMER knocks and boring leisure beckons. For those not travelling abroad, we hope the Ministries of Information and Education have developed youth programmes. Would the Ministries of Social Affairs, Education, and Information consider a youth exchange programme comprising the GCC states.

A concept ideally termed — knocking at their doors.

Zahed Matar

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RATHER hot weather with light to moderate north-westerly wind.
State of sea: slight to moderate
High water: 3.30 am 1.10 pm
Low water: 9.00 am 8.30 pm
Sunrise: 4.48 am
Sunset: 6.44 pm
Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 42°C 108°F
Ahmedi: 38°C 99°F
Fahala: 38°C 100°F
Minimum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 26°C 79°F
Ahmedi: 29°C 84°F
Fahala: 28°C 82°F
Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 42°C 108°F
Ahmedi: 38°C 99°F
Fahala: 39°C 102°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 26 per cent
Ahmedi: 65 per cent
Fahala: 70 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 35 per cent
Ahmedi: 45 per cent
Fahala: 65 per cent

4 die in S. African bomb blast

JOHANNESBURG, June 3. (Agencies): Four people died and 19 were seriously hurt today when a bomb exploded on a busy street corner in Roodepoort, near Johannesburg, South African police said.

Police at the scene told reporters the bomb exploded in a rubbish bin in the central business district of the Satellite town 15 km (10 miles) west of Johannesburg.

The streets were packed with lunchtime shoppers when the blast occurred near a branch of the Standard Bank.

Noise

A white woman among the three people seriously hurt had her legs blown off, a witness said. Five people sustained less serious injuries.

Police said the dead were two black men and a coloured (mixed race) woman.

"It was a terrible noise, then we heard sirens and people screaming," said Mari Botha, an office receptionist working across the street.

Robert Sigsworth said the blast happened as he walked into a store and shattered windows all around him. "There were three bundles lying on the ground. They looked like bodies," he said.

Police arrived at the scene within minutes and began to search the area with sniffer dogs. Officers warned people to stay away in case of a second blast.

Tienie Pieterse, manager of a nearby supermarket, told Reuters he heard a tremendous bang.

"Some of my people were waiting to cross the road there when it went off, but they are in such a state of shock that they cannot even talk," he said.

The blast was the most lethal attack since March 17, when a bomb in nearby Krugersdorp killed three people, including a policeman.

Shattered

The blast shattered at least a dozen windows in the bank, and glass was strewn across a nearby intersection in Roodepoort's central business district. Police cordoned off the area.

It was the fifth bombing reported in the Johannesburg-Pretoria area in a nine-day span. Only one of the other blasts caused injuries — a mine placed in a flower box in Pretoria which exploded on May 26, injuring four white women.

The last serious explosion in South Africa left four white policemen dead when a car bomb went off outside a Johannesburg Courthouse in May 1987.

America's top speller Indian-born

WASHINGTON, June 3. (UPI): America's top speller, a 13-year-old California girl who was born in India and lived in South Africa, prefers science and math to the discipline that paid off for her at the national spelling bee.

Rageshree Ramachandran, an eighth-grader at Winston Churchill middle school in Carmichael, California, won the 61st annual event yesterday after a successful protest from another finalist and a dramatic spelling duel of almost an hour with the second-place finisher, also a Californian.

Rageshree successfully spelled "elegiacal," a word used to describe Greek poetic couplets about sorrow.

"I'm really happy," she said with a big smile as she was mobbed by reporters and photographers. As the winner from a record field of 200 youngsters, she received \$1,500, a trophy cup and an engraved plaque from the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain that sponsored the two-day event.

"Study as much as you can and don't stop after the eighth grade," the new champion said when asked what advice she had for future contestants.

Indian held for Fiji arms cache

SUVA, June 3. (AP): Police today arrested a Fijian Indian suspected of shipping arms to Fiji while a manhunt continued in Australia for another Indian believed linked to caches of Soviet-made weapons found this week in Sydney.

In a separate incident today, a suspected gang of Fijian youths firebombed the home of 81-year-old former lord mayor Sir Leonard Usher, destroying computer equipment and other belongings, police said.

Usher, also a former editor of The Fiji Times and past official of the ruling alliance party headed by Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, said the last night attack damaged an upstairs apartment used by British-born businessmen Matt Wilson. Both men were out at the time.

Today's arrest of the Indian, whose name was not released, followed the discovery of an empty shipping container at the western port of Lautoka that police said was similar to one intercepted in Sydney on Monday.

The second shipment originated in North Yemen and also was destined for Lautoka, a stronghold of former Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra, whose young Indian-dominated government was ousted in a coup a year ago by Sitiveni Rabuka.

Inmates denied food and water

Israel tortures Palestinians

KETZIO, Israel, June 3. (UPI): Palestinians held in a new Israeli detention centre in the Negev Desert say they have been beaten and denied food and family visits.

Prisoner Izzedin Aryan, a 52-year-old pharmacist from the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah, told reporters visiting the camp Thursday that "everything is built here to be against humanity. We have the punishment of water — lack of water. The punishment of food — we have little, first of all, and a small variety."

But camp commander Col David Tzemach denied the allegations and claimed the 2,483 prisoners at the camp had adequate food and water and the most severe punishment was three days in isolation.

"Everything is a kind of punishment," Aryan charged. He said he was arrested Feb 18 and placed under six months' administrative detention for reasons contained in a secret file that was not shown to him.

Arrest

The Ketzio detention centre, with a capacity of 4,000, was built on an old army base near the Egyptian border to house the huge number of Palestinians detained during mass arrests aimed at crushing the anti-Israel uprising. The prison opened

March 18.

Israeli officials said Thursday that 8,141 Palestinians have been arrested since the uprising began Dec 9. The Army said 5,000 remain in detention, including 1,900 administrative detainees who can be held up to six months without trial.

All the inmates at Ketzio are under administrative detention or have been sentenced to terms ranging from 14 days to three years for attacks on Israeli soldiers, Tzemach said. The ages of the prisoners range from 16 to 68.

Law in the Service of Man, a West Bank-based civil rights organisation, repeatedly has called for the facility to be closed, saying conditions there are inhumane.

Tzemach said the International Red Cross has free access to all parts of the camp. Prisoners also may appeal their detention to a military court that holds hearings at the camp.

Inmates sleep side by side, 20 to a tent, crowded on wooden pallets covered with blankets and plastic matting. Eight or 10 tents are pitched together on bare ground in sections surrounded by barbed wire fences and sentries.

During the day, the inmates are free to walk around their compounds, but because of the blazing desert sun most stay on



A Palestinian prisoner in the Ketzio prison camp is carried by two other prisoners as an armed Israeli soldier follows them. (Reuters wirephoto)

their pallets, reading, playing chess or talking.

Primitive showers, latrines and sinks for bathing and laundry are near the tents. In one section, hot desert wind that blew sand and dust into the tents also carried the stench of the latrines.

Foreigners trapped at Somali airport

NAIROBI, June 3. (Reuters): About 160 foreign relief workers trapped in Hargeisa town in war-torn northern Somalia are being held at the airport apparently awaiting evacuation, according to reports reaching Nairobi today.

Finnish diplomats in the Kenyan capital, who were in touch by radio with Finnish aid workers in Hargeisa until yesterday, said the foreigners had apparently been taken to the airport to await evacuation by air.

But the chairman of the rebel Somali National Movement (SNM), Ahmed Mohamoud Silanyo, told Reuters by telephone from London that the Somali Army was holding the foreigners hostage.

Silanyo said information reaching him from the field was patchy but he believed SNM forces were still in control of Hargeisa and Burao, the two largest towns in northern Somalia.

Escape

"Most of the cities are in our hands," Silanyo said, although he admitted that government forces still held Hargeisa airport and the situation at the port of Berbera was unclear.

The US armed forces have a 40-strong care and maintenance team at Berbera Air and Naval

base where the United States has had military facilities since 1980.

Nairobi businessmen in touch with the situation in northern Somalia said the US military mission attached to the Somali armed forces in Hargeisa, Somalia's second largest city, fled overland to Djibouti on Tuesday hours before rebels attacked.

The government in Mogadishu has admitted that SNM forces raided Burao on May 27 but says it is in full control of both Burao and Hargeisa, where it says the situation is now peaceful.

According to US intelligence sources, 87 government soldiers were killed during the SNM attack on Burao.

Silanyo said he had no details of casualties in the fighting but the SNM shot down a Somali Air Force MiG-17 fighter at Burao on May 27 and another crashed near Hargeisa the same day.

Besides Hargeisa and Berbera, the rebels controlled the towns of Burao, Gabiley, Ainado, Wana and Sheikh.

He said government jets had bombed Burao and most of the other towns in rebels hands had been shelled by tank and artillery fire.

Australians snap up Spycatcher

CANBERRA, June 3. (Reuters): Australians snapped up a hundred thousand copies of ex-British agent Peter Wright's "Spycatcher" memoirs immediately the paperback edition went on sale yesterday.

Copies sold out minute after Australia's High Court finally dismissed Britain's attempt to have the book banned on the grounds that Wright was bound to a code of silence.

The court decision immediately made a millionaire of Wright, 75, now an Australian living on a farm in the southern state of Tasmania.

The unanimous ruling by the seven high court judges freed millions of Australian dollars in royalties frozen during three years of legal action in Australia.

The ruling also added about a million dollars (\$710,000) to Britain's huge bill for relentlessly trying to suppress Wright's book, which tells of his 20 years in the counter-intelligence unit MI5.

The high court ordered Britain to pay the costs of the case.

Britain, having had the book banned in Britain and its colony Hong Kong, attempted to do the same in its former colony Australia.

Iran to press on with war

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A Cypriot-flagged freighter was reported today to have been freed from Iranian custody and allowed to continue its voyage, a day after being boarded and seized on apparent suspicion of carrying war-related cargo.

The 10,000-ton motor vessel Vevey left the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas at midday and was "proceeding normally" to its destinations in the Gulf, according to the London-based Lloyd's shipping intelligence service.

It was reported that the most powerful US warship ever deployed in the Gulf was only a curious bystander yesterday as an Iranian warship escorted away the Vevey.

US Navy officials said the guided missile cruiser Vincennes was two miles (three kilometres) away, and received no appeal for assistance that could have led to the first direct confrontation between US and Iranian warships since a one-day mini-war on April 18.

Meanwhile, a Geneva-based monthly magazine said, Iran and Iraq were receiving massive quantities of arms from South Africa.

The International Defence Review said South African 155-mm howitzers and huge supplies of ammunition have gone to both sides in the Gulf war, both of whom consistently speak out and vote against South Africa.

And according to an American official, China is continuing to sell Silkworm missiles to Iran despite top-level assurances to the US from Beijing that supplies have been halted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prisoners freed

MARJAYOUN, June 3. (Reuters): The Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia said it released 17 Lebanese on Thursday from a prison camp in South Lebanon where they had spent more than a year.

Israelis convicted

TEL AVIV, June 3. (Reuters): Four peace activists who met PLO members in Romania two years ago became the first Israelis on Thursday convicted under a new law against contacts with "terror groups."

Malnutrition

DHAKA, June 3. (Reuters): More than 95 per cent of Bangladesh children under the age of 11 suffer from malnutrition, Health Minister Mohammad Abdul Matin said.

North-South talks

SEOUL, June 3. (Reuters): The government of South Korean President Roh Tae-woo offered its North Korean foe high-level talks today, dropping Seoul's earlier demand that Pyongyang first apologise for the bombing of an airliner.

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Sinhalese kill two candidates

Ruling party wins local polls

COLOMBO, June 3, (AP): Suspected Sinhalese extremists killed two candidates in southern province elections and burned government buildings today, a day after trying unsuccessfully to disrupt voting, police said.

One victim belonged to the ruling United National Party and the other to a communist alliance, police in Colombo said.

The officer, said he had no further details on the killings.

The officers said at least 75 cases of arson were reported in the Southern Province, which is scheduled to hold elections for local government councils on June 9. The targets were government buildings and electricity and telephone posts, he said.

The violence erupted hours after officials announced results of elections Thursday in the western and central provinces.

The United National Party

won 87 of the 158 seats at stake, while the three-party communist alliance won 60 seats. The Sri Lanka Muslim Congress clinched nine seats and the Liberal Party won two seats, the election department announced.

Violence
The polling was marred by violence blamed on the People's Liberation Front, an extremist Sinhalese group.

At least six people, including two policemen, were killed Wednesday and Thursday as the group, launched a wave of arson and bombings in an unsuccessful attempt to disrupt the polling.

Members of the Tamil Front burned 15 government buildings, two trains and at least six buses in the western and central provinces where polling was held, the reports said.

On Thursday, Sinhalese radicals attacked polling booths

with bombs and grenades, police officers in Colombo said.

They oppose the plan to elect provincial councils, saying it gives too many concessions to Tamils.

The plan is aimed at giving the minority Tamil community, which is dominant in the northern and eastern provinces, more say in local government in an attempt to quell their 5-year-old separatist war.

Four of the country's nine provinces went to the polls April 28 in elections which also were won by the United National Party.

The southern province is to elect council members next week, but voting in the northern and eastern provinces have been postponed indefinitely because of continued violence by Tamils who have renounced the peace plan.

46 families washed away in Bangladesh

DHAKA, June 3, (AP): Rescue workers searched yesterday for survivors from a village of 46 families that was washed away in a flash flood along the Kushiara River in northeastern Bangladesh, local government officials said.

The village of Sengram, near the Indian border, was hit by a rush of water on Tuesday, and all of the families were feared drowned, according to officials.

They said, however, that rescue workers continued to search river banks downstream for possible survivors.

The Sylhet district and neighbouring Sunamganj district have been hit hard by flooding for the past week.

Aquino calls for ways to ensure democracy

MANILA, June 3, (AP): President Corazon Aquino today proclaimed democracy "the natural shelter of freedom" as she opened a conference of 14 nations from Asia, Europe and Latin America which have cast off dictatorship.

Mrs Aquino appealed to the delegates during the four-day conference to search for ways to ensure that democracy "retains its guiding power" in the world.

"Democracy can only be restored, it cannot be invented, it cannot be transplanted," Mrs Aquino said. "As freedom is the natural state of man, so is democracy the natural shelter of freedom."

The conference, proposed last year by Foreign Secretary Raul

Manila, brings together delegations from the Philippines, Portugal, Uruguay, Honduras, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Greece, Spain, Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

Rebels
Conference officials said invitations were sent to any nation that had overthrown dictatorship since 1973 and taken steps to build democratic institutions in their wake.

Meanwhile, communist rebels hijacked a train, raided a farm owned by the Philippines' biggest food firm and kidnapped four Army officers in a three-pronged attack south of Manila, the military said today.

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters):

Iran has arrested leading moderate opponents of the government, including former ministers, for inviting people to oppose the war with Iraq, a former Iranian official said in London on Thursday. The source, a member of the government of ex-President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, said security forces had detained leaders of the Freedom Movement and the National Front.

The two groups have campaigned against the excesses of the 1979 Islamic revolution and heavy-handed treatment of the opposition.

"I feel they could be in real danger," the source, an exile who asked not to be named, told Reuters.

He said revolutionary guards on Tuesday arrested Ali Ardalan, Finance Minister in the government of Mehdi Bazargan in 1979, ex-Deputy Prime Minister Hossein Shah-Hosseini and Mohammad Tavassoli, a former mayor of Tehran.

Meeting
Bazargan, the most prominent liberal opponent of Iran's clerical leadership, heads of Freedom Movement which has been allowed to function despite the crushing of all radical groups opposing the Iranian government.

The guards broke up a Freedom Movement meeting on Wednesday and arrested Hashem Sabbaghian, Bazargan's Interior Minister and Khosrow Mansurian, a former deputy mayor of Tehran, the source said.

The guards had questioned about 200 people attending the meeting, and some had been beaten, the source added. They also took over the headquarters of the Freedom Movement.

Bazargan was among a group of liberals who boycotted Iranian parliamentary elections in April, which they said were not free.

The source said those arrested had in the last two weeks mounted a pamphlet campaign advocating a peaceful negotiated solution to Iran's war with Iraq, calling for an end to repression in Iran and criticising the legitimacy and economic policies of the government.

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Sattar urges India to normalise ties

Rajiv raps Pakistan for helping Sikhs

NEW DELHI, June 3, (UPI): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi Thursday reportedly conveyed to Pakistan Foreign Secretary Abdus Sattar "serious concern" over Islamabad's "continued involvement in terrorist activities" in Punjab state.

Sattar met Rajiv before he departed for Islamabad after two days of talks with Indian officials on contentious bilateral and regional issues that contribute to longstanding frictions between the two neighbouring rivals.

An official spokesman said the 43-year-old Prime Minister raised with Sattar one of the most seriously disputed topics: Charges that Pakistan is harbouring and training Sikh extremists fighting to create in India's border state of Punjab the independent nation of "Khalistan."

Pakistan vigorously denies the allegation. The spokesman, quoted by the Press Trust of India news agency, said Rajiv told Sattar that Pakistani officials "should take concrete and visible measures which would show their commitment to the principle of non-interference."

Sattar told reporters before his flight home that he and Indian

officials held extensive talks on a range of subjects that "for me, it is always a source of inspiration, great pleasure and satisfaction to be in Delhi."

But he also said India and Pakistan should increase efforts to normalise relations.

"We should deepen the dialogue to make it more extensive and include positive items which outbalance negative issues," he said.

Before meeting, Rajiv, Sattar and his delegation held a final round of discussions with Indian officials led by Foreign Secretary K.P.S. Menon.

"The two delegations had useful talks in a free, frank and cordial atmosphere," said a joint statement issued after the talks concluded.

The discussions covered a wide range of bilateral issues. In addition, views were also exchanged on regional matters, including Afghanistan and the current international issues," the statement said.

The communique gave no specific details on the topics covered by Sattar and Menon in their talks.

But experts and news reports said the subjects included Pakis-

tan's longstanding proposal for a no-war pact and India's counter-offer of a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation.

Pakistan unveiled more than four years ago its proposed no-war pact with India. Its foe in three conflicts since 1948. But India wants a broader agreement that includes trade, tourism and joint ventures.

A Foreign Ministry official said the talks between the two neighbours were part of ongoing consultations.

Meanwhile, Punjab police said on Thursday that Sikh extremists killed at least 36 people in the Golden Temple complex at Amritsar before last month's police siege at the shrine.

The United News of India quoted unidentified senior police sources as saying police were told of the killings by some of the 200 Sikh radicals and sympathisers who surrendered during the 10-day siege, which ended on May 18.

Many of the victims were tortured before they were killed, UNL said. The extremists said the victims were beaten with iron rods and whips and that salt was rubbed into their wounds. Electric shocks were also used.

Kabul frees Italian journalist

ROME, June 3, (Reuters): Italian freelance journalist Fausto Biloslavo arrived in Rome on Thursday after being pardoned and freed from an Afghan jail where he was serving a seven-year sentence for spying and entering the country illegally.

The 26-year-old reporter-photographer arrived at Ciampino airport on a special plane with Italian Foreign Ministry secretary-general Bruno Bottai, airport officials said.

Bottai flew to Kabul earlier this week with a message to Afghan President Najibullah from Italian President Francesco Cossiga seeking Biloslavo's release on humanitarian grounds.

The Italian was arrested last November while returning to Pakistan after a trip filming Afghan guerrillas fighting government forces. He was tried and sentenced in March.

His release came four days after French journalist Alain Guillo was freed on pardon after a plea to Najibullah by President Francois Mitterrand.

Meanwhile, two Afghan rebels have been sentenced to death by a Kabul court after being found guilty of murder, robbery and endangering the country's security, the Soviet news agency Tass reported on Thursday.

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Salvage workers try to save tanker hit in Gulf

DUBAI, June 3, (Reuters): Salvage workers in air-tight suits fought yesterday to save a tanker leaking toxic ammonia after an Iranian gunboat attack in the Gulf last week.

A white cloud of ammonia gas hundreds of feet high enveloped the 15,530-tonne Mundogas Rio, holed and listing badly off the United Arab Emirates coast after the attack, shipping sources said.

Workers aboard the Norwegian-operated ship pumped out warm seawater that has vapourised some of its 20,000 cubic metres (706,000 cubic feet) of refrigerated, liquefied ammonia.

Scrap
"Ammonia has turned the sea white for 100 metres around the ship," said a source. The gas burns the skin and is noxious to breathe.

At Iran's Larak oil terminal in the "Strait of Hormuz, workers continued repairs to the 340-

metre-long (1,100-foot) super-tanker Seawise Giant. The world's largest ship was blasted by parachute bombs in an Iraqi air raid on May 14.

Shipping sources said the crew quarters of the 564,739-tonne vessel were gutted in the attack and the engine-room damaged.

"It is in no danger of sinking but could be sold for scrap if the owners — Hong Kong's Tung Group — decided repairs are proving too expensive," a source said.

Review
Lloyds Shipping intelligence said oil was being pumped from the stricken ship, used by Iran for storage, to another vessel.

Assessment of damage will take another three weeks, Lloyds said. It added that Tung has a nine-million-dollar hull insurance policy on the vessel.

Damage to the 235,000-tonne Barcelona is also still under review, Lloyds said. The Span-

ish-owned ship was one of four tankers hit by Iraq's devastating air raid on Larak. Tugs towed it around to stop it sinking after its bow was shattered.

Iraq attacks Gulf shipping to try to cripple Iranian oil exports. Iran retaliates by hitting ships serving Gulf Arab states that back Iraq in the war.

Three British minesweepers escorted by a frigate scoured the Gulf of Oman yesterday after a mine blew up two fishing boats, killing an Indian crewman, shipping sources said.

They said the plastic-hulled sweepers would take two days to search the area where a floating mine, believed to be Iranian, exploded on Tuesday in Omani waters after being trapped in a fishing net.

"The mine probably wasn't laid there. It seems it had drifted about 50 miles out of the Gulf," said a shipping source.

"But there may be others and no-one's taking any chances."

Classification of agricultural produce

A LOCAL daily reported that the board of directors of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries Affairs under the chairmanship of Sheikh Ibrahim Al Sabah would discuss at their meeting to be held soon the classification of the agricultural production at Al Abdali and Wafr areas.

The measures to be discussed would be aimed at categorising the various products on the basis of their descriptions and quality. This was necessary due to most of the products being of an identical agricultural nature which resulted in lower prices.

The daily quoted an official source as saying that the measures would help promote the availability of diverse products in the local market and would be beneficial to the interests of farmers.

Communications planning committee meets

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharan recently presided over a meeting of the ministry's higher planning committee attended by the ministry's undersecretary Abdulaziz Al Ayoub and assistant undersecretaries.

The minister said the meeting discussed various issues, primarily, facilities available by dialling 101 and a "proposed plan of action" to be implemented to overcome existing problems faced by this facility. He added, the committee had discussed the creation of a new telephone directory that would contain the family name of the subscriber. Additionally, the feasibility of extending the telephone service to chalets at Al Qurain area had also been discussed by the committee, he said.

Saudi Arabia to seek Gulf support on Iran ties

SAUDI Arabia is likely to seek support for its rupture in ties with Iran at a meeting of Gulf Arab foreign ministers in Jeddah today, officials and diplomats in the region said.

Relations with the revolutionary government in Tehran, Iraqi gains on the Gulf war battlefield and the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories are expected to top the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) agenda.

Summit
Iraq's recent victories against Iran including the recapture of the occupied Faw peninsula and its southern Salammah marshlands have boosted morale in the Gulf Arab states, which generally back Baghdad in the 7-1/2-year-old conflict.

But the war appears no closer to an end and the oil rich but

militarily vulnerable GCC remains threatened by an over-pull of the fighting.

The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are expected to discuss international efforts to end the war and reiterate support for United Nations resolution 598 which calls for a ceasefire, the officials said.

They are also expected to co-ordinated views ahead of next week's Arab summit in Algiers due to focus on how to back the six-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The ministers are meeting for the first time since Saudi Arabia severed relations with Iran on April 26, accusing it of trying to export its brand of Islamic fundamentalism through violence.

Saudi minister undergoes successful knee surgery

BIRMINGHAM, June 3, (Reuters): Saudi Arabian Defence Minister, Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz underwent a successful operation on his left knee at an Alabama hospital on Wednesday, officials said.

Gary Gore, assistant administrator at South Highlands Hospital, said the prince was in good condition following surgery and was ready to begin rehabilitative therapy.

The orthopaedic specialist in charge of the case stated that the surgery was a complete success. "The Saudi embassy in Washington said in a statement released by hospital officials.

The delicate arthroscopic surgery was performed by a team of doctors from the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orth-

opaedic Centre, a clinic affiliated with the hospital, along with the prince's personal physicians, the embassy said.

Gore said hospital officials were not authorised to disclose the exact nature and cause of the knee injury.

"All we can say is that it was an old injury that was treated with conservative methods for a while and finally had to be operated on," he said.

IETE examinations

EXAMINATIONS for IETE graduateship will be held at the Indian Embassy on 15.6.1988 at 1400 to 1700 hrs. Registered candidates should report at the Indian embassy along with registration/admission cards.

Preparation for opening summer clubs



Undersecretary Al Khudari (centre), Fidda Al Khaled (right) and Al Harban (left) at the meeting.

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Abdul Rahman Al Khudari chaired a meeting of summer clubs to be opened on June 22, 1988.

The undersecretary said, summer clubs were considered educational and entertaining centres and the activities and facilities of these clubs were being developed each year. Several authorities were endeavouring to attract youths to the summer clubs to gainfully employ their leisure time and said "the Ministry of Education bears the greatest responsibility in this respect."

The meeting was attended by the assistant undersecretary for social services Fidda Al Khaled, director of school activities department Khaled Al Harban, senior officials of the ministry, including 42 heads of summer clubs.

Guidelines

In addressing the meeting, Fidda Al Khaled called on heads of the summer clubs to do their utmost to develop relations between these clubs and citizens.

He urged the heads to play a more prominent role and increase their influence in enrolling greater number of youths to

participate actively in the clubs' various activities.

Meanwhile the assistant undersecretary for planning and development affairs at the Ministry of Education Rashed Al Hamad recently presided over a meeting of the secondary education curriculum evaluation system according to a local daily.

The meeting debated the working guidelines submitted by the sub-committee reflecting the problems facing the secondary education system. The guidelines

constituted an applied introduction for submitting specific procedural proposals which would be instrumental in preparing a new integrated system for the curriculum and extend a clearer vision to the decision makers of education. The meeting also discussed the proposals related to the credit hours system and the achievements of the system in Kuwait. The committee also discussed the costs involved and the direct benefits accruing towards community development requirements.

Environment meeting prepares a number of programmes

KUWAIT'S Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi returned Wednesday night from Tunis where he participated in the first meeting of the executive bureau of the council of Arab ministers in charge of environment.

On arrival, Dr Awadi told Kuwait News Agency that the two-day meeting of the bureau had prepared a number of programmes and prospects on the situation of the environment in the Arab world that would be presented to the council of Arab ministers meeting that will be held in the second week of next October.

The Arab League Council has recently approved the setting up of that ministerial council to work out future prospects for the possibilities of developing attention given to the environment in the Arab world and agree on a unified strategy for tackling the

different environmental problems.

The bureau has agreed to present two major programmes to the ministerial council, the first on stopping desertification and to work for increasing the planted areas in the Arab world and dealing with pollution resulting from industry. It also includes agreeing on specifications and standards of causes of pollution and proposing a unified programme at the level of the Arab world in that respect.

The second programme according to Dr Awadi, is dealing with environmental enlightenment in the Arab world.

Awadi also said that he met with the Arab League secretary general on the issues related to environment in the Arab world and also conferred with the Tunisian planning minister on the same topic.

Smuggling detection equipment received

A LOCAL daily yesterday reported that authorities have received the latest equipment made in West Germany for facilitating the location through the use of laser and X-rays of weapons and explosives smuggled into the country through hand-bags and luggage. Customs officials at airport and border centres would soon be provided with these latest devices.

In the light of recommendations made from a recent study into the use of German Shepherd dogs to prevent smuggling, the committee recommended providing each border centre with these dogs which would assist in locating smuggled weapons, narcotics and alcohol.

Commerce Ministry to set up information centre

ADEL AL RUMAIHAH, the Director of the Information and Research Centre at Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has said the ministry will sign a contract with Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research establishing the centre at the ministry within the next two weeks.

Kisar will organise the control of industrial licences at the ministry and link the control base with the proposed information and research centre at the ministry. Other departments will slowly be added to the centre and gradually will provide a computer link with other government establishments and ministries. The centre will have a library, specialising in commercial, industrial and supply materials.

Financial aid to Eritreans lauded

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received a cable from the Eritrean Liberation Front (the Unified Command) thanking him for the decision by the Council of Ministers last Sunday to extend financial assistance to the just struggle of the Eritrean people.

The cable said the decision by the Kuwaiti cabinet indicates the continuation of Kuwait's pioneering and distinguished role which is stemming from its principles of supporting the peoples struggling for their legitimate rights.

The cable expressed appreciation for Kuwaiti positions at international and regional conferences and at the United Nations, and stressed that victory for the Eritrean people is inevitable particularly after that 90 per cent of the Eritrean territory and cities had been liberated.

The cable concluded by expressing thanks and appreciation of the Eritrean people to Kuwait, its Amir, government and the people.

Prince Badr ends visit

CAIRO, June 3, (Kuwa): Deputy commander of the Saudi National Guards Prince Badr Bin Abdul Aziz and the delegation accompanying him left here yesterday at the end of a four-day visit to Egypt.

The Saudi official was seen off on departure by Egyptian Defence and Armaments Production Minister Marshal Abdul Halem Abu Ghazala.

Prince Badr who arrived here last Monday has met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Prime Minister Dr Atef Sedki.

He toured a number of Egyptian ordnance factories and got acquainted with the arms and military equipment being manufactured in Egypt.

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Amiri cable

HH the Amir on Thursday sent a cable of congratulations to Italy's President on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah sent a cable of congratulations to Italy's Prime Minister Sciarco de Mita on his country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Radical change in attitude towards regional issues

A KUWAITI newspaper on Thursday said the outcome of the superpower summit heralded a radical change in the attitude of the United States and the Soviet Union toward regional issues and advised neighbouring Iran to heed the development.

Al Rai Al Aam said that the keenness of US President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to reach an agreement on limitation of medium-range nuclear weapons "has prompted a radical change in their policies toward many regional questions."

"Despite the big contradictions existing between their countries in nearly all spheres, the two leaders managed to reach what can be called a bilateral alliance to retain their influence and domination of a large portion of world potentials," the paper went on in its editorial.

"If the agreement on limitation of nuclear arms is considered as heralding a new age with new concepts, it is high time for the Iranian side to discern this fact and take the initiative to deal with the war in a realistic fashion," Al Rai Al Aam wrote.

"The two superpowers have now established a key norm which rules out the existence of anything impossible in the world of détente," the paper added. "Iran should now make positive proposals to end the war."

The spillovers of the war have been menacing the region and its waterway, with a particular threat to Kuwait which is the country closest to the Iraq-Iran warfront.

Regional leaders, including the Amir of Kuwait, who is the current chairman of the 48-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference, had been appealing to Reagan and Gorbachev to help settle the Iraq-Iran war as well as the Palestinian problem.

Headlines in Al Rai Al Aam on the outcome of the summit were positive, splashing the titles: "The Soviet leader and the American President declare their summit has been a success" and "Reagan: we have agreed on peaceful solutions to all regional conflicts."

Other Kuwaiti papers, as well as those in neighbouring Gulf Arab countries, differed and did not appear to see any encouraging results on the proposed arms embargo against Iran or the issue of Arab-Israeli peacemaking.

"No solutions to regional questions," was the headline in Al-Qabas, an independent newspaper, while all Kuwaiti newspapers, including Al Rai Al Aam, played up the Soviet Union's refusal to go along with the proposal for an arms embargo against Iran.

The state-run newspaper Al Itihad of Abu Dhabi said "it's regrettable that regional issues were discussed by the two leaders only from the viewpoint of the influence and gain each could garner" and Bahrain's Akhbar Khaleej said that the Middle East problem "was only haphazardly raised as part of the regional conflicts over which the two superpowers seek to avert conflict."

Waterfront project a big attraction

THE waterfront project is a genuine attraction and a "boon" to citizens and residents alike who seek fresh cool breezes away from their continual air-conditioned villas and homes.

A typical scene is repeated every summer day. Beginning at around six in the evening, numerous people begin an invasion of the sea front scattering in groups all along the kilometres long seashore. The front is a picture of all nationalities, ages, sexes — all involved in their own particular choice of relaxation — be it fishing, swimming, boating, sports, or "just whiling-away-time" with their children building sand-castles. It is also not uncommon to see an entire family enjoying their barbecued dinner at the front.

A recent questionnaire revealed that visitors desired that different component sections of the huge and successful project be marked, numbered or somehow carry identifications. This

was to facilitate them to provide details of locations to their friends or relatives "as a meeting point." Several suggested that sections be named after national figures who illustriously contributed towards their country.

Locate

Additionally, special control rooms should be provided to locate missing children and provide emergency assistance and information. Entertainment facilities and recreational programmes should be arranged for families.

Snack shops alongside the project with adequate government control to ensure hygienic food, small stands to sell works of art and other items should also be added; were some of the suggestions of the visitors.

However, in general, the visiting public was all praise for the facilities and for the authorities concern towards its citizens and their welfare.

Sheikh Duaij for Jordan

BOARD chairman and director general of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Ibrahim Al Sabah today leaves for Jordan in response to an invitation from the Jordanian Agriculture Minister Marwan Al Hmoud.

During his one week visit, Sheikh Ibrahim will get acquainted

with the latest agricultural researches and developments in addition to review possibility of expanding agriculture cooperation between the two countries.

Sheikh Ibrahim will be accompanied by a number of senior officials from Kuwait institute for scientific research. They will tour a number of agriculture projects in Jordan.



● The Universal American School, Kuwait, recently held their annual Commencement Exercise at the Kuwait University's Sabah Al Salem auditorium in Khalidiah. Above: one of the graduates receiving his certificate.

Saud Al-Awajan and Brothers Company holds a big draw for the distribution of the grand lottery prizes (Vimto, Summer's best refreshment contest)

Under the supervision of representatives from the Ministries of Commerce and Industry and the Interior, a grand draw was held at the Kuwait Regency Palace last Tuesday, May 31, 1988, in the presence of the **Director General Farid Al-Ojan**.

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Second prize: Sanyo refrigerator, No. 23697
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Ninth to thirteenth prizes: Sanyo video cassette recorder, Nos. 1009/29263/39188/16656/16063
Fourteenth to eighteenth prizes: Sanyo washer Nos. 7092/33911/26426/12629/27925.

Prizes from numbers 19 to 23 is a Sanyo stereo won by numbers 33991/27515/30148/14916/28307.
Prizes from numbers 24 to 33 is on electric vacuum cleaner won by numbers 13572/5583/13431/18571/12817/14363/1046/10932/24382/19829
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Mental patient kills another

A 22-year-old patient named Hadi killed another mental patient Falah 57. The incident occurred during a quarrel at the Psychiatric hospital last week. Hadi is alleged pushed Falah to the ground and the latter died due to injuries sustained to his head.

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● More than 30 Filipino women recently attended a cooking demonstration organised for them by Flassik, the Filipino ladies association in Kuwait, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Above: some of the women attending the cooking class.

Al Wazir's memorial service

Shultz will fail to get Palestinian backing

By Lima Al Khalafawi

SALAH Khalaf, a member of the central committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), speaking at the memorial service of Khalil Al Wazir which was held on Wednesday at the Kuwait Teachers' Union, stressed that US Secretary of State, George Shultz, would not find any Palestinian support for his Middle East peace plan.

The arrival at a full, just, political solution, which would be acceptable to the PLO's authorised representative, would necessitate the attendance of an independent or joint Arab delegation at the peace conference, Khalaf said.

Starting point
He added that the only way to avenge the death of Al Wazir was by continuing the struggle against Israel and by applying Al Wazir's policies and revolutionary strategies.

Al Wazir was killed on April 16 in Tunis reportedly by Israeli secret police agents.

Khalaf praised the resumed ties between Syria and Palestine and demanded that the forthcoming Arab summit attend to the enforcement of those relations and called for a halt to the continuing troubles in Beirut.

Intisar Al Wazir, widow of Khalil Al Wazir, also condemned Shultz' initiative and accused the United States and Israel of Al Wazir's assassination. She also rejected US President Reagan's 1982 peace initiative. She commended Kuwait support for the Palestinian cause and said that Kuwait was the starting point for the Palestinian revolution. She said that the uprising was the means to achieving Palestinian aims.

Revival
Ali Al Badah of the Teachers' Union praised the uprising in the occupied territories and said that this memorial was a revival of the spirit of the martyrs. He stressed the active role Al Wazir had played.

In a speech given by Sameeh Al Khasim, emphasis was placed on the significance of the uprising. Furthermore, he stated that the assassination of Al Wazir would in no way diminish the fervour of the Palestinian revolution.

Marwan Al Bargoti, a Palestinian deportee, also praised Al Wazir's contribution and affirmed the effective role of uprising in gaining the land of Palestine.

A large number of people attended the memorial service and patriotic songs were sung.

The eldest son of Al Wazir plans to follow in his father's footsteps and serve the Palestinian cause — but will first complete his engineering degree in the United States.

Jehad Al Wazir, 23, was studying at a US university in April when he heard on the Voice of America radio station of his father's killing in Tunis.

Al Wazir, in Kuwait to attend a memorial ceremony for his father, told Reuters: "I have got to help my people."

But he said he would first return to the United States to complete a masters programme in electrical engineering. For security reasons he declined to identify the university at which he studies.

Dressed in olive-green military fatigues with a black and white checkered headscarf slung over his neck, Al Wazir said he got to Tunis as fast as possible after hearing of the April 16 killing. He has lived in the United States for several years.

His father, known as Abu Jihad, was shot dead in his Tunis home in an attack widely blamed on Israel.

The PLO has also accused the US of complicity, which Washington denies.



Salah Khalaf (third from right), Umm Jihad, Jehad (son of Khalil Al Wazir) and others standing in respect for the assassinated Palestinian leader Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad).

Sheikh Zayed reiterates support for Palestinian uprising

ABU DHABI, June 3, (Reuters): The President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, assured Palestinians yesterday of his support for their uprising, the official emirates news agency Wam reported.

It said he told Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat he was pleased as long as the uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza continued.

"The more the uprising intensifies, the more the Palestinians and Arabs benefit," Sheikh Zayed was reported as saying.

The agency said the two discussed ways of supporting the

six-month revolt in occupied territories and preparations for Tuesday's Arab League summit in Algiers.

"The two leaders stressed the need for coordinating stands to enable the summit to come out with clear and constructive decisions that will consolidate joint Arab action," it said.

Algeria called the summit to discuss support for the uprising, in which about 200 Palestinians have been killed.

Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said on Wednesday the uprising had laid the foundation of a Palestinian state.

He left the UAE on Thursday and was expected to visit other Gulf Arab states, Palestinian sources said. His pre-summit tour earlier took him to Libya and Saudi Arabia.

Delegation
Arafat, arrived in Beirut, the official Libyan news agency Jana said today.

Jana, monitored in Beirut, said a delegation came with Arafat but gave no other details.

It was his second visit to the Libyan capital this week and the third since he met Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi on April 19 for reconciliation talks after a six-year rift.

IICF reviews achievements

THE International Islamic Charity Foundation (IICF) on Thursday in 4th board of directors meeting reviewed support for the Palestinians in the occupied Arab lands.

In the meeting, the chairman of Kuwait-based IICF Youssef Al-Hajj delivered a speech in which he talked about IICF's achievements specially the use of media campaigns in collecting contributions to help the people of the Islamic world.

IICF's official expressed thanks to HH the Amir and the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah for their consistent support to IICF and also to Kuwaiti media for its positive cooperation.

A similar meeting is scheduled for the evening to continue discussion of IICF work agenda and the last four months activities.

The meeting is also attended by several members representing their Islamic countries.

Amir of Bahrain receives Kuwait TV official

MANAMA, June 3, (Kuna): Director of Kuwait Television Salem Al Fahd was received here today by ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The Gulf News Agency said that Bahraini Information Minister Tareq Al Muayyid and other ministry officials attended the meeting.

Fahd arrived here Thursday on a few days visit to Manama for co-ordination talks with information officials in relevant fields in addition to exchange of television programmes.

Saudi minister in Tunis

TUNIS, June 3, (Kuna): Saudi Minister of Public Works and Housing Moutib Bin Abdul Aziz met with Tunisian Minister of Supplies and Housing, Sadouk Ben Jemna here.

The meeting was attended by Saudi Ambassador to Tunisia Ibrahim Saad Al Ibrahim.

Acquitted of sexual abuse charges

THE Criminal Court acquitted two men charged with sexually abusing a fifteen-year-old girl.

The court was told that the girl disappeared one afternoon and returned home the next morning. Police investigations as to her whereabouts, led to the arrest of the two men who admitted having known the girl and gone out with her, but, denied abusing her sexually.

The court acquitted the two men for want of evidence and confusing statements by the girl.

In another case, the Court of Appeals acquitted a sixty year old "building guard" on charges of molesting a ten-year-old girl.

The prosecution alleged that the man dragged the girl into a deserted house 200 metres from the building where he worked. A boy testified in this respect.

However, other witnesses testifying confirmed that the boy had a bad reputation in the district and had been on several occasions warned by the guard.

2 years jail for smuggling hashish

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court in its first session presided over by Judge Mohammad Mamoun and member Judges Ahmed Al Ajel and Mohammed Mahran, including the representative of the Public Prosecutor's Office, Hussain Al Harthi and the secretary of the session Sharief Fawzi, sentenced a defendant apprehended while entering the country with 15 grams of hashish to two years in jail and a fine of KD500.

Underground water inundates Faiha house

A LOCAL daily yesterday reported a house in Faiha area had been inundated with underground water which reached a height of 25 centimeters and covered an area of 400 square metres.

The owner of the house said she noticed the appearance of the underground water in the basement of the house two years ago. The Ministry of Electricity

and Water were notified who sent workers to take samples of the water. However, till now, the owner claimed, the ministry had not taken any measures to solve the problem. She stated that she had bought a water pump to remove the water which was operating every day from 8 am to 7 pm. She called on officials to take remedial action prior to the collapse of her house.

Sheikh Ahmad returns

ABU DHABI, June 3, (Kuna): United Arab Emirates Culture and Information Minister Sheikh Ahmad Bin Hamid and the accompanying delegation returned here last night following six-day visit to Egypt.

Bin Hamid conveyed a verbal message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from his UAE counterpart Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

During his stay in Cairo, the UAE official conferred with sen-

ior Egyptian information officials on developing and promoting bilateral information cooperation.

The talks resulted in the signing of a protocol on information co-operation.

Al Sherif and Sheikh Bin Hamid, in the signing ceremony which took place earlier yesterday, said that this protocol will help in widening co-operation in all information spheres.

Kuwait to stage art exhibition

PARIS, June 3, (Kuna): The Kuwait Commission for Education/Science and Culture is scheduled to stage an art exhibition at the Unesco headquarters next Tuesday, sources said yesterday.

Sources at the Kuwaiti delegation to Unesco said that Kuwaiti Ambassador Dr Tarek Razouqi and Kuwait's permanent representative to Unesco Dr Faisal Al Salem will jointly open the exhibition in the presence of

important cultural figures in the French capital.

They added that a delegation from the Kuwait Society of Formative Arts arrived here last evening to prepare the gallery which will show 30 paintings and ten sculptures.

The delegation includes the society's secretary general Mahmoud Al Radhwan and members Abdullah Al Qassar and Adel Al Mishal.

CBK presents 26 paintings to Arab World Institute

COLLECTING and documenting national heritage is no more the task of official authorities only, as many private institutions and notables have begun to allocate plenty of time and funds to maintain the heritage before they sink into oblivion.

Commercial Bank of Kuwait is one of those bodies which demonstrated tangible care of Kuwaiti heritage through buying a number of paintings and presenting them to world cultural institutions.

Very recently, the CBK purchased 26 drawings depicting aspects of Kuwaiti heritage, assistant of the director-general at the bank's marketing department, Dalal Al Ghanim, told Kuna.

The bank's board chairman Hamad Al Hamad, after consul-

tations, decided to extend the paintings as a present to the Paris-based Arab World Institute which expressed great appreciation for this initiative. Al Ghanim said.

These artistic works focussed on two topics of the national heritage: pearling and folk games.

Admiring the paintings, which the CBK printed in a wall calendar, the chairman of the French-Arab Institute proposed demonstrating these drawings at a special exhibition on Kuwait to be organised by the institute in 1989 and in a later Gulf exhibition, she added.

Al Ghanim said the bank will pursue this heritage-protection policy and is prepared to co-operate with Gulf institutions in this regard.

GCC determined to put an end to Gulf war

DOHA, June 3, (Kuna): GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Saif Bin Hashel Al Maskari today re-affirmed the profound will of the Gulf countries to put an end to the Iraq-Iran war and keep the region's states away from its negative discharges.

In an interview with the Qatari News Agency, he said that Gulf states keep their talks with all parties open, in an effort to realise an end to this destructive war through UN resolution 598 endorsed last July 20.

In this respect, Al Maskari called on the international community to assume a firm position to assure the credibility of the Security Council's decisions toward this war, underlining efforts of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in this respect.

Speaking of the extraordinary Arab summit to be held in Algiers on Tuesday, Al Maskari said that the summit will top the list of priorities at the meetings of the GCC ministerial meetings which open in the Saudi capital

Saturday. He affirmed the GCC's unified supporting position for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Regarding Gulf security issues, the GCC assistant secretary-general said that all that relates to the area's security, will be discussed.

Al Maskari added that the council will review recommendations by the various ministerial committees on strengthening joint economic action among the council's states.

Maintenance contract for KPTC

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, Major General Youssef Al Khorafi, last week signed a contract with Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC).

As per terms of the contract, KPTC will repair and maintain approximately 4000 vehicles of the ministry. The new contract resulted in the cancellation of the police vehicles department.

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OPINION

Winds of change in Soviet Russia

EVER since the Bolshevik revolution, the free-world has been viewing Soviet Russia through the actions of leaders characterised as spasmatic and mysterious. Continued domination by a succession of typical leaders, resulted in the country being termed "the iron curtain" difficult to penetrate, or have access to, except through adherence to inflexible communist teachings and principles.

Communism, it has been maintained, has always been a target for religious thinkers, economic peers, champions of human rights and politicians of various denominations. Consequently, till recently, Russia, remained the iron curtain country.

However, since Gorbachev came to power dramatic changes have been evident. Gone are the days of "unsmiling" strait-laced bureaucrats. Instead, Gorbachev displays an easy going, elegant and open manner which is directly reflected amongst politburo members and elite Soviet politicians. This change of style during the few years he has been in power is evident in no small measure towards his opening Russia to the outside world by way of cultural exchanges, high level arms limitations talks, trade and economic agreements and most vital of all an exchange of visits of top-notch Soviet and American scientists. The world has now come to appreciate and accept his policy of glasnost — the policy of openness.

This policy of openness has been more than adequately reflected in the Soviet-American discussions — especially in the disarmament agreements which have found favour in Russia and have been welcomed by the entire world. The recently concluded agreements have achieved a first step towards ending the arms race in nuclear weapons. From an economic point of view, these agreements would benefit Russia in the sense that funds appropriated for the arms race could now be better utilised towards the country's development. On the other hand, the Western countries including the Nato countries can better accommodate the disbursements of funds on nuclear arms programmes with little negative effects towards the country's development plans.

Indeed, for a country steeped in ideological tradition, Gorbachev must be commended for his success in bringing about the present changes and the policy of glasnost which has earned the respect and admiration of the world at large. Even political decisions no more go through the long bureaucratic procedures of the past. Wheels of action are immediately geared to follow executive orders. This has led to a changed view of Russia by the West and the rest of the world, including a change in the mentality of previous years where the West usually described Russia as having a "one-track mind".

The present hierarchy, with Gorbachev at its head, welcomes discussions. This was clearly evident during the various brain-storming sessions with US contemporaries. Wherever, there were differences of opinion, Gorbachev always maintained that these differences were not insurmountable — he maintained that solutions existed and would be found given the good-will of the parties concerned.

Gorbachev has truly "invaded" the world of politics with his brand of Soviet diplomacy. It is no secret that he entered the White House without KGB planning.

History is replete with examples of the population waiting for too long to see a leader restoring new life and bringing back past glories to the nations. Indeed, in Gorbachev, the Russians have a dynamic, pragmatic leader of stature, who has been instrumental in erasing the terminology "the iron curtain".

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Iraqi feint led to victory on Faw

By Norman Black

WASHINGTON, (AP): The Iraqi Army "set-up" Iran in April for one of its worst military defeats with an elaborate month-long deception campaign of troop movements that demonstrated the growing maturity of Iraq's forces, senior US Defence Department officials say.

Having rapidly recaptured the Faw Peninsula six weeks ago in an operation that succeeded beyond all expectation, the Iraqis since have reclaimed another piece of their occupied territory near the southern city of Basra with a similar surprise attack, the officials noted.

The victories mean it now is conceivable that Iraq can break the stalemate in the 7 1/2 year war with Iran, the sources continued.

While there is no evidence that Iraq will try to invade Iran, it appears Iraq now has the ability to "systematically evict" Iranian troops from its territory, the officials said.

Such victories, when coupled with the political and economic problems confronting Iran, may be enough to force a truce settlement.

The sources — ranking defence officials with access to US intelligence data — agreed to discuss developments in the Iran-Iraq war during interviews conducted over the past week.

The officials, who spoke only upon condition they not be named, suggested the administration had new reason to hope

the Iran-Iraq war might wind down, allowing the United States to reduce its own commitment of naval forces to the Gulf. The sources agreed that Iraq had surprised not only Iran but also US intelligence agencies with the timing of its land offensives. They further disclosed:

● Iraq spent the month before the April 17 attack on the Faw Peninsula moving troops all around the country, generally toward the north. When they were ready, the Iraqis used their superior roads and military logistical system to send 50,000 to 60,000 troops streaming back south to Faw in one coordinated movement.

"They set up the Iranians masterfully," one official said. "They achieved surprise," a second official added. "In the course of this plan, they moved units around in ways that Iranian intelligence were likely to be deceived, then reassembled these units in a stealthy and rather sudden way."

"And they just ran over the Iraqis like a steamroller running over a cockroach. It was really something. They had expected it (the operation) to take five days and it took them a day and a half."

The source noted the Iraqi military had been criticised in the press in the past, "but our conclusion has been that they've gotten steadily better. We have observed with interest the maturation of the Iraqi armed forces as an entity."

By Clayton Jones

BANGKOK: With the Afghan agreement behind it, the Soviet Union appears to be warming up for a similar settlement for the war in Cambodia.

But that diplomatic warmth may not be enough. It is Vietnam that occupies Cambodia, and Soviet pressure may not be enough to get Hanoi to withdraw its troops anytime soon.

The April 14 Afghan agreement hints at Soviet determination to end the similar but far more complex conflict in Southeast Asia, say Western diplomats.

In mid-March, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev talked with both Vietnamese and Cambodian leaders in Hanoi. Later, in Bangkok, he told Thai officials that the Afghan pact was a model for Cambodia.

Soviet statements, just after the Afghan deal was inked, drew obvious parallels. Radio Mos-

cow, in a move that appeared to go over the head of Vietnam, broadcast a report into Cambodia (also known as Kampuchea) in the Khmer language stating: "Let us hope the undoing of the Afghan knot will have a positive impact on settlement of the Kampuchean problem."

Failed

Vietnam's own radio broadcasts, failed to mention that Soviet troops would be withdrawing. Observers speculate that this reflects Hanoi's concern about domestic pressure for a similar withdrawal of Vietnamese soldiers from Cambodia.

Both conflicts do have strong parallels:

- The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan began the same year (1979) Vietnamese troops occupied Cambodia.
- Both wars hit a stalemate due to the unexpected strength and foreign support of resistance guerrilla forces.

Pressure on Hanoi to withdraw troops

● In both resistance camps, divisions are deep, with outside concern that radical factions (orthodox Muslims in Afghanistan, communist Khmer Rouge in Cambodia) might take power.

● Both Hanoi and Moscow maintain about the same troop levels (over 115,000 each) in the occupied country, with subdued anguish back home over the costs of maintaining the conflict.

But far greater differences could make a Cambodian settlement more intractable, Western diplomats say.

Talks

For one, Soviet troops are not directly involved in Cambodia, only Soviet money, a close ally, and Soviet prestige in Asia.

Then, too, China's support for the strongest anti-Vietnamese faction, the notorious Khmer Rouge, would make any potential deal more complex. And in Afghanistan, the United Nations spent six years mediating a solu-

tion, while the only talks on Cambodia began last December with no UN help.

Those talks — two sessions in France between Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and resistance leader, Prince Norodom Sihanouk — were called off by Prince Sihanouk after little progress.

Fighting in Cambodia is far less intense than in Afghanistan. And observers doubt if any new weapon can be introduced in Cambodia to turn the tide against Vietnam, similar to the impact of introducing anti-aircraft stinger missiles in Afghanistan.

Moscow's leverage over Hanoi is limited, says observers, despite the fact that Soviets provide about \$2 billion a year to keep Vietnam's economy afloat. Soviet officials based in Asia say they hope that hard-liners within Hanoi's communist leadership will be dropped at an expected Communist Party conference

this year, giving a freer hand to reformists leader to compromise in a Cambodia settlement.

While Vietnam says it will withdraw by 1990, the Soviets, like many Western observers, express doubts Hanoi will, or even can, pull out.

Vietnam's interest in Cambodia, such as keeping a safe border and preventing a Chinese-backed regime from taking power, weighs heavily against Soviet interest in ending the conflict soon and improving its image in Asia.

Offensive

In 1986, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev launched a diplomatic offensive in Asia, with a eye to breaking the Cambodian stalemate. But that effort (so far seen as largely unsuccessful) has to be balanced against possibly losing access to an important naval base at Vietnam's Cam Ranh Bay if Moscow "pulls the rug out" from Vietnam

over Cambodia, says one West German diplomat.

One indication that Moscow and Hanoi may be coming to loggerheads is a recent flare-up of competition for influence in communist Laos, where between 20,000 to 40,000 Vietnamese occupy the country, but the Soviets provide more aid. Adding to this are Vietnamese complaints that Moscow showed little concern last month when China took over six islands Hanoi claims in the South China Sea.

Vietnam's Communist Party leader, Nguyen van Linh, was expected to visit Moscow, but the trip was cancelled, according to diplomats, due to the death of Vietnam's prime minister. The trip may be re-scheduled soon, setting up the possibility for a Cambodian showdown in Moscow.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Robert Kennedy's assassination

'Cover-ups and conspiracies' in investigation

By Aurelio Rojas and Russell Snyder

LOS ANGELES, (UPI): An Ambassador Hotel telephone operator, told to urgently summon police on a June night 20 years ago, was stunned when the police dispatcher who answered the phone wanted a description of the emergency.

"We have Mr Kennedy here," she ventured. "Big deal," he said. "Hold on," she added. "I think somebody was shot."

"Oh, great," the dispatcher responded. Their exchange, preserved on an audio tape, is among materials gathered by the Los Angeles Police Department in its year-long investigation of the fatal shooting of Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968. The files were made public in April after nearly two decades of secrecy.

But the collection, instead of laying to rest questions surrounding Kennedy's death, added fuel to speculation about cover-ups and conspiracies. Scholars and history buffs poring over the records pointed to "missing evidence, investigative oversights and embarrassing lapses by police."

The assassination of the New York senator at first seemed unburied by complexities. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan still is firing his .22-calibre revolver in the hotel's crowded pantry when he was seized by angry Kennedy supporters.

Dismissed Police nevertheless tracked down and dismissed some 25 conspiracy theories, concluding the Palestinian immigrant acted alone in firing eight shots from his \$31 Iver-Johnson cadet revolver. Three bullets struck Kennedy and the others wounded five bystanders.

Sirhan, now serving life prison term, did not deny the charge and maintained he acted alone, incensed at Kennedy's sympathy



Robert Kennedy

for Israel. The files include a notebook that police say belonged to Sirhan, containing scrawled statements such as "Robert F. Kennedy must be killed."

Ed Davis, who supervised Sirhan's first interrogation and later became Los Angeles police chief, called it an "open-and-shut murder case."

Satisfied, police closed the "Special Unit: Senator" case on July 25, 1969, and resisted efforts by witnesses, victims and others to gain access to the records.

Questioned

Yet troublesome questions remain. The files, opened through an agreement between Los Angeles officials and the state, confirm investigators believed a fatal bullet was fired no more than 3 inches from the back of Kennedy's head. But not one witness said Sirhan was that close, and most said he approached Kennedy from the front.

The records also show a second man with a gun, a security guard standing behind Kennedy that night, was barely questioned by police. Ballistics tests were not done on his gun, nor was he given a lie-detector test.

The files also show the guard gave police conflicting statements about his ownership of a .22-calibre pistol at the time Kennedy was killed by a similar gun.

Researchers were shocked to learn that nearly half the photographs gathered in the case were destroyed, and ceiling tiles and door frames taken as evidence from the hotel pantry are missing from the collection. Police say the photos were duplicates and that other evidence was "routinely destroyed" as values.

In addition, Philip Melanson, a southeastern Massachusetts University political scientist and director of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination archives, said taped interviews with dozens of key witnesses are missing from the collection. Among them are 29 witnesses who Melanson said could supply details "that relate directly or indirectly to questions of conspiracy" to kill Kennedy.

Evidence Other skeptics, including Gregory Stone, a graduate student on leave from the University of Wisconsin political science programme, contend the victims' gunshot wounds and the bullet marks on the missing door frames add nothing to the night's events as many as 13 shots were fired from two guns.

In 1975, a panel of ballistics experts who reviewed the case determined "no substantive or demonstrable evidence" proved more than one gun had been fired. The focus on the study was narrow, however, prompting panelist Lowell Bradford to remark at the time: "The firearms examination simply closes one episode of evidence and should not constrain further efforts to resolve valid questions concerning the possibility of the firing of a second gun."

Records show detectives were critical of some phases of their own investigation, had a disdain for the press and tried to answer lingering conspiracy theories years after the shooting but refused to make the answers public.

A key photograph was kept

secret because its existence contradicted statements made by chief Davis. A 1974 memo indicated the photo compared a bullet removed from Kennedy's body to a bullet from a test-firing of Sirhan's gun, but that it was not introduced as evidence in Sirhan's 1969 trial. The mere existence of the photo, the memo suggested, would subject police to criticism.

Unresolved

Even the most infamous conspiracy theory discounted by police may be unresolved to this day.

A witness reported she saw a woman in a black and white polka-dot dress running from the scene of the shooting yelling, "We shot him. We shot him."

Asked who was shot, the woman supposedly responded, "We just shot Senator Kennedy." Police later announced the witness fabricated her story.

Documents show detectives thoroughly interviewed the witness, Sandra Serrano, who later admitted "the whole thing was a lie." Shortly after the files were released, however, the woman, now Sandra Serrano-Sewell, told a Stockton, Calif., broadcaster she was pressured by police into recanting her account.

"There was a lot of badgering that was going on. I was just 20 years old, and I became unguided," she said. "I said what they wanted me to say. I don't want to have to go through that again, that kind of harassment."

The investigation, touted as the most extensive in Los Angeles Police Department history, encompassed 4,700 interviews, 5,300 photographs, 190 reels of audio tape and 20 reels of 16-millimetre film. Fifty-thousand documents were transferred to microfilm for public viewing at the state archives in Sacramento.

Yet, researchers fear nagging inconsistencies in the Kennedy investigation may never be resolved.

By Peter Humphrey

BELGRADE, (Reuters): Rising young politicians are reaching for power in crisis-ridden Yugoslavia to replace the Tito generation at the helm of the ruling Communist Party.

Western and Yugoslav political analysts said dramatic calls for a clean-up of the leadership, heard at a crisis conference being held here by the party this week, show that a younger generation are making their pitch for high office.

"Whether for corruption, ineptness, or obstructing reforms, the message was clear

Young politicians try to replace Tito generation

from many delegates," a Western diplomatic analyst said. "Young pretenders are putting on pressure."

Since the death in 1980 of Josip Broz Tito, who ruled unchallenged for 35 years after he led the communist partisans to victory against the Nazis, there has been a power vacuum.

Tito left behind a rotating collective leadership system

dominated by a generation who rode to power on his coat tails in the anti-Fascist war when they were mostly teenagers. Real power resides in the collective party presidium comprising 23 members.

Younger politicians are growing impatient with its failure to lead a reform of the country and pull away from crisis.

The crisis conference was called amid strikes, 152 per cent inflation, problems with a \$21 billion debt and the launch of an austerity programme curbing wages and freeing prices to discuss economic, political and party reforms.

Yugoslav and Western analysts said the conference was not qualified to rebuild party organs but had opened the floodgates for such a renewal soon.

Challenge

Key players in the party's struggle for rejuvenation who left their mark at the conference include Serbian party leader Slobodan Milosevic, Slovenian party chief Milan Kucan and the Croatian representative in the Yugoslav Party presidency, Stipe Suvar.

Analysts said these three, who have varying emphases and aims and are all controversial for different reasons, are outstanding examples of the new breed of Yugoslav politicians.

Milosevic, 47, issued a dramatic challenge at the conference for a congress of the party to be called to sack the present leaders if reforms were not implemented by autumn.

"If by this autumn we do not implement a complete social reform, then an extraordinary congress must be called. Either the leadership will fulfil the will of the people or the people will replace it," Milosevic said.

Kucan, also 47, said Yugoslavia had turned into "an insignificant periphery of Europe," and added: "We all want to be part of Europe with its standards and work habits and not be lost in an abyss of shortages and poverty."

"Economic measures are not enough without political reform," he added.

Suvar, 52, said on the eve of the conference that it would be a battlefield between "democratic" and "undemocratic" forces. Suvar's statement have straddled the fence between reform and conservatism but analysts say he clearly wants to be the party's ideological chief.

Milosevic, a burly man with spiky hair, kicked up a storm by purging the Serbian party after taking office two years ago on a wave of Serbian nationalist sentiment over conflicts between Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

A former banker, he has drafted his own economic reform for Serbia aimed at far-reaching deregulation of the economy based on market laws and plans to implement it in coming months.

Kucan, a mild-mannered former lawyer generally popular in Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most Westernised region, espouses a reconstruction of what he sees as an authoritarian leadership.



SOVIET HARD-LINER YEGOR LIGACHEV

Gorbachev reforms spark struggle

By Robert Evans

MOSCOW, (Reuters): "I am emotional," declared Kremlin maverick Boris Yeltsin. "I take everything very close to heart, especially when things go wrong."

Yeltsin's emotion, voiced anew at the height of the Moscow summit, has come as a reminder for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev of the domestic political struggle over his reforms.

Gorbachev's nominal number two Yegor Ligachev, said the one-time Moscow city communist chief who still stalks the Kremlin corridors of power, should be removed as an "opponent of change."

As Yeltsin issued his implicit appeal in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation, across the Soviet capital Ligachev was attending a Kremlin dinner for President Ronald Reagan — although sitting some distance from the two leaders.

At the dinner, Gorbachev told Reagan his programme for the country was "more democracy, more openness, more social justice" — areas in which Moscow reformists say Ligachev has strong reserves.

Liberal

And seated at a top table with the president and the Kremlin chief was the burly, beetle-browed figure of Alexander Yakovlev, one of the liberal intellectual architects of Gorbachev's "perestroika".

Yakovlev, former ambassador to Canada and although 64 one of the latest arrivals on the party's ruling politburo, has been at Gorbachev's side since Reagan arrived in Moscow on May 29.

Widely regarded as the prime contender for Gorbachev's post as ideological chief and number two, his position has been clearly boosted by his prominence over the past three days.

At a news conference in the Soviet Foreign Ministry on the eve of the summit, leading reformist intellectuals Tatyana Zaslavskaya and Fyodor Burlatsky described Yakovlev as one of the "revolutionary democrats" around Gorbachev.

But Moscow analysts said it was unlikely that the Soviet leader would have welcomed the open intervention at this stage of his one-time protégé Yeltsin, whose style and tactics he was

compelled to condemn publicly last November.

As he prepares for a party conference opening on June 28, Gorbachev is clearly seeking to retain the support of moderate conservatives to ensure his extended reform plans are approved.

The sensitivity of the issue, closely linked to an open battle between reformers and conservatives, was illustrated by the first reaction from a senior official to the 57-year-old Yeltsin's remarks.

"I do not think it was very correct on his part," Party Central Committee member Georgy Arbatov told a news conference on Tuesday. "I have the impression that he was in a somewhat excited state."

Another Central Committee figure, Vadim Zagladin, declined any comment when asked by journalists at another summit press venue about the significance of Yeltsin's remarks.

Respect

In the interview, the former Siberian factory manager who won a name for tough tactics against old-fashioned party bureaucrats during his two-year tenure in Moscow, suggested Gorbachev should himself adopt a firmer line at the top.

"I consider myself his supporter... I like his activity. I support and respect him," said Yeltsin, who received the BBC camera crew in his new office at the State Committee for Construction where he was sent after his removal from the Moscow Party post.

"I think he could be more decisive in changing the top echelon of the leadership," he added.

"We have a common goal. He is going there more slowly, planning everything carefully in advance. I would help him get there quicker."

The intervention came as a bitter struggle was underway for control of delegations to the conference at which Gorbachev supporters say he wants a clear mandate for a radical reshaping of the Soviet power structure.

Reports from all over the country in the Moscow press and accounts provided by reformist intellectuals suggest conservatives are winning the day in the selection process.

"What Gorbachev needs at this stage is consolidation," said one communist analyst. "What Yeltsin is pushing for is revolution from the left."

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Boushahri Gallery
Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic is open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., Salmiya, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm; until June 9.

THEATRE

Bengali Cultural Society
The Society will present "Bichhan", a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 9, 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. The play is part of celebration of the 40th Indian independence anniversary. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901806; 5621379.

KLT
KLT's musical Brigadoon opens will be performed at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8 and 9. Tickets: — K.D3: children — K.D2. For reservations ring 3983724.

SOCIAL

Pakistan Youth Association
A mushaira will be held on June 9 at the home of Asim Naushad in Salmiya. The former counsellor of Pakistan to Kuwait, Abdul Haque, will preside. Chief guests are Ustad Qam Amrohi and Ghulam Wafa Sabri. For details phone 2410997.

German-Speaking Cultural Association
The regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will be held on June 5, Sunday, from 10 am, at the Kuwait Hilton's Old Falaka Room. All German speakers are welcome.

Contact
The next meeting of the ladies information group, Contact, will be held on June 11, from 10 am, at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 3949807; 4874513; 5383999.

Saez aur Awaz
An Indian music group presents "Geeton Bhari Sham", their second concert, at the IAC, Funitees, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 after 5 pm.

NRI Meeting
The Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Annual General Meeting will be held at IAC, Funitees, on June 7, 7.30 pm. All NRI members and their wives are welcome. State Bank of India officials will give a talk on capital markets. A contributory dinner will follow.

Badesik Re-union
The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait, Badesik, will hold an Eid re-union and a cultural programme, with dinner, on Friday, June 10, at the Meridian's Banquet Hall. All Bangladeshi diploma engineers can take part. Tel: Alafur Rahman — 9015166; Ansar Ali — 4571603.

Kuwait Players Ball
Kuwait Players "end of season ball" on Thursday, June 9, K.D7 per person. For details phone 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

Kuwait Players
Annual general meeting is on Sunday, June 5, 7.30 pm at Messilah Beach Hotel.

United Goans Centre
The UGC will hold their annual "Summer Belle '88" contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

D'Assisi Association
The association will hold a social - cum - entertainment evening on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

HOTELS

At the Meridian
Filipino festival at La Braserie, featuring music, dance, food and bazaar. Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.15 am
Zuhr	11.46
Asr	3.20 pm
Maghrib	6.44
Isha	8.15

TV CORNER

Summer viewing

BEGINNING today KTV 1 will broadcast from 9 am each morning, until well past midnight, throughout summer. KTV 2 transmission begins from 12 noon with Kuwait Fax, followed by regular viewing from 6 pm each evening.

English serials on KTV 1 are Hardcastle and McCormick (Sunday); Silver Spoons (Tuesday) and The Saint (Thursday). Some interesting programmes on KTV 2 include Sunday's Best-Seller, Malibu, featuring James Coburn and Kim Novak; Land of the Tiger on National Geographic (Monday) and Moonlighting returns with Cybil Shepherd and Bruce Willis (Tuesday).

This week's English films are Between Two Women featuring Farah Fawcett (Saturday); Mr Inside and Mr Outside (Tuesday) and Soggy Bottom in US (Thursday).

This week on KTV 2

efforts in The Land of the Tiger in India.	Inside and Mr Outside".
10.30 Haul: "Haul in Defence". Hanlon falls in love with a famous lawyer's daughter.	Starring: Tony La Bianca, Paul Benjamin, Hal Linden, William Graham. Atmospheric crime drama with two New York City policemen working to foil diamond smugglers. Average. 1973 Made-for-TV movie.
11.30 News in Brief	12.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown	12.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
6.00 Holy Quran	6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Pole Positions: cartoons	6.10 Mickey and Donald: cartoon.
6.30 Punky Brewster: Continues with the rest of the story about Punky's adoption, which falls through due to Henry's illness. Punky has been taken to a girl's home. Will Henry get her back?	6.30 Times of the World: "Caribbean Times" Folk songs from the Caribbean.
7.00 The Natural World: "Bats Need Friends".	7.30 Growing Pains: "Some Enchanted Evening". Carol is disappointed after her boyfriend refuses to accompany her to a party.
8.00 News in English	8.00 News in English
8.40 Moonlighting: "Fatal Attraction". David joins a club. All his friends are concerned about the reason for David's sudden interest in social activities.	8.40 J.J. Starbuck: "Ray Doll". Starbuck's niece is involved with drug smugglers.
9.30 Gimme a Break: "Neil Goes Back to New York". There is more comedy with Neil Carter.	9.30 Wildlife on One: "Punk Poppins and Hard Rocks". A look at birds living on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean.
10.00 Twilight Zone: "Sydney Penny". An opera singer wants the blessing of someone special to succeed in her career.	10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Play It Again Hammer". Sledge and Drew are fired but they try to get
10.30 Feature Film: "Mr	

KTV 1 weekly highlights

dress a weekly show for children, prepared by KTV.	4.20 From the Mix-up of First Mrs Basil Frankweiler. English feature film starring Ingrid Bergman.
10.50 Hada Al Rajul Akhabab: Arabic serial, starring Magda, Yahya Shahin, Najma Ibrahim and Aziz Hilal. A private tutor falls in love with her pupil's father after she finds out that he is married to an insane woman.	10.50 Hikayat Min Al Badiya: "Al Rooh". Part One. Starring: Miyad Awad, Yusuf Al Jamal, Ali Al Samir, Yusuf Al Yusuf.
THURSDAY	THURSDAY
1.50 Fawazir Al Mamasabat: part one features Yahya Fakhrani, Sabirin and Hala Fuad.	4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays Simon Templar.
7.00 Al Farosiyah Al Zaman: part one, prepared and presented by Mohiuddin Qandoor.	10.00 Ragha Wa Hagad Wa Integam: Arabic film. Starring: Farid Shawki, Ibrahim Shahin, Hussein Fahmi. Directed by Sayyid Saif.
11.45 Late Night Variety Show featuring latest songs and music by top Arab performers.	
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
12.15 Silver Spoons: English comedy	12.15 People and Sports focuses on sports in Kuwait.
4.20 Jeeran Al Hina: Arabic serial, featuring Alaf Shuaib, Yunus Shalabi, Ahmad Maher.	
7.15 The World About Us: documentary	
10.50 Film Mtn Khatib presented by Durriya Sharf Al Din.	
MONDAY	
9.30 Journey Around the World: focuses on life in other parts of the world.	
12.15 Treasures of the Gulf: part one of a series on underwater life in Gulf waters.	
6.00 Maana Anisa and Chil-	



Merhaba poster by Mohammad Al Hadidi

Merhaba Turkey

KUWAIT Cine Club chairman Mohammad Samnawi will tonight open the Merhaba Night and Exhibition at a local hotel. Merhaba Night features a film, an art show and music. A 40-minute documentary entitled "Merhaba" directed by Kuwait Cine Club Director Farouk Abdul Aziz, will be screened tonight at a local hotel. Merhaba depicts some aspects of cultural life in

Turkey. "Nature is a basic colour of the film endeavour," says Farouk. Artists Mohammad Al Hadidi and Abdel Maboud Shehata will exhibit their paintings and posters on Turkey.

Calligraphist Abdel Ghani Al Avocato will show his collection of works. A photograph display on Turkey covers various aspects of life in that country. Arab musicians will perform Turkish music, playing the kanoun, tabla, oud and kaman. Polish pianists Anna and Cezar Owerkowicz will present Turkish March by Mozart and Beethoven and a selection of excerpts from other composers.

back on the police force the Sledge Hammer way.

10.30 Private Eye: Frank is hired to protect a black American activist.

11.30 News Summary

11.35 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 She Ra: The Tune in the Sword...cartoons

6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a 30 minute show for young viewers.

7.00 Rags to Riches. Foley takes the girls on a picnic.

8.00 News in English

8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes

9.05 Spenser for Hire: "Murder, She Wrote". A girl accuses her mother of plotting her father's death.

10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: "Calling Dr Huxtable". Cliff is on call.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Soggy Bottom in US".

11.40 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Transformers

6.30 Out of this World: "Beano's New Diet". Beano opens a new diet clinic and promises that a famous popstar would attend the opening.

7.00 Airwolf: "The Puppet Master". The team has to prove that a science group, claiming to work for peace, are inciting trouble around the world.

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Beauty and the Beast: "Shades of Grey". Catherine gets a written statement from a friend.

9.40 227: "Washington Affair". Sandra invites a "special" friend for dinner. Her neighbours are curious to find out more about him. Comedy.

10.00 The Wiseguy: "Not for Nothing". Vinnie, working under difficult circumstances, plots the murder of Burnette. Starring: Ken Wahl.

11.30 News Summary

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

10.15 Al Saif Al Mafqud: Arabic serial for children. Starring: Abdul Aziz, Al Haddad, Ahmad Al Hazeem, Ali Al Mufedi and Awatif Mohammad.

12.25 Al Rada Wal Noor: religious serial, starring Karim Hamza. This episode focuses on the influence of marrying a foreigner, both good and bad aspects.

3.30 Al Qadi Radd: local play featuring Abdul Husain Abdul Rida, Ghanem Al Saleh, Aishah Ibrahim, Maryam Saleh. Comedy.

7.30 Seminar on Islamic Philosophy hosted by Ahmad Faraj. Part one is on the Rights of Man in Islam.

10.50 Naseeh: weekly Arabic serial, featuring Abdullah Al Jabl, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail. Written by Abdullah Al Haseel.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran	9.15 Good Morning
10.15 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: Journey Around the World.	10.15 Shaqqa Bidoun Saqat: daily serial featuring Tahya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Raja Al Jadawi.
11.15 Ila Abu Wa Ammi Ma'a Tahya: (To Mother and Father, With Regards) Starring: Khalid Al Nafisi, Hayat Al Fahad, Ismahani Tawfiq.	12.15 Alf Ba'Al Matbakh: a programme on cooking.
1.00 News Summary	1.05 World News Via Satellite
2.00 Songs and Music	3.25 Bahloul: Arabic serial, starring Fahya Khatib, Assam Sulaiman, Salah Qassas. Social drama.
3.15 Cartoons	4.20 Hikayat Al Ayyam Al Aseebah: part one. Starring: Khalil Shawki, Yusuf Al Asri, Abdullah Suad.
7.00 Noor Al Islam:	



Farah Fawcett stars in tonight's feature film on KTV 2.

prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir

7.20 Nazrat Alal Alam

8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Rifat Al Hijjan: part one, starring: Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusuf Shaban.

10.50 Al Liga Al Thani: weekly Arabic serial, starring: Basi, Mahmoud Yassin, Mohammad Khairi.

11.45 News Summary

11.50 World News via Satellite

12.25 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Thundercats: "The

6.30 Good and Ugly".	6.30 Great Expectation: based on Charles Dickens novel.
7.00 Tomorrow Today: tonight's episode focusses on industry and investments.	7.30 Alf: "Isn't It Romantic". Alf tries to bring together Willie and his wife, who are not on talking terms.
8.00 News in English	8.40 The Blue Knight: "Death Echo". Three women are murdered. The police try to find a motive for their murder.
9.30 Smithsonian World: "Speaking Without Words". A look at means of communications.	10.30 Late Night Movie: "Between Two Women". The story of a newly wed woman and her relationship with her mother-in-law.
12.00 News in Brief	12.05 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News	09 News about Britain
09 News about Britain	15 Radio Newsweek
30 Personal View	45 The World Today
0600 Newsweek	30 Meridian
0700 World News	09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	30 From the Weeklies
30 From the Weeklies	45 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-world)
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook	30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
45 Nature Notebook	0200 World News
09 British Press Review	15 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-world)
15 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-world)	30 People and Politics
0300 World News	09 News about Britain
09 News about Britain	15 The World Today
30 Europe's Matters	45 Business Matters
0400 Newsweek	30 Here's Humphrey
30 Here's Humphrey	45 Reflections
45 Reflections	0500 World News
0500 World News	

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	1100 World News
30 Personal View	09 News about Britain
45 The World Today	15 4th and 15th Sportsworld, 11th and 25th The A-Z of Hollywood
0600 Newsweek	30 Meridian
0700 World News	1200 Radio Newsweek
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	15 Multirack 3
30 From the Weeklies	45 Sports Roundup
45 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-world)	1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	30 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-world)
30 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-world)	45 Sportsworld
1400 News Summary, followed by Sportsworld comtd.	

Urdu

1900 Opening	1910 Betheeren Qaul
1910 Programme Preview	1920 Songs
1930 Press Report	1940 Jaizah
2000 News	2020 Songs
2040 Dhanak	2100 Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus	Fahad Open-Air
The Last Shark	Dariya Dil (Hindi)
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro	
Al Sahmiya	Al Fahad
Eat the Rich	Kalamari Kathamari
Starring: Roland Allen	(Malayalam)
Al Hamra	Al Jahra
Al Jad'an Talatha (Arabic)	Le Gendarme a New York
Starring: Samir Ghanem, Roya Al Katib	(French)
Drive-In	Granada
Aad Liyantaqam (Arabic)	Battle of Nertva
Starring: Ezzat Alaili, Imaan	
Al Firdous	Salaikhah
Maut Ki Ghati (Hindi)	Al Mazaikati (Arabic)
Starring: Arjun, Rajani	
	Al Jeeb
	Neeyethra Dhanya
	(Malayalam)
	Almadi Drive-In
	Enemy Afraid

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Sahmiya and Rumaithiya	Al Fida Pharmacy
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Clean, healthy, neat and classy

Whitney Houston: I'm no sex symbol

By Mike Hirano

WHITNEY Houston really is Miss Perfect.

She has beauty, a model's figure, no skeletons in her cupboard — and arguably the finest female voice to have emerged for years. It has certainly been the most successful.

For although only 23 years old, Whitney's achievements as a performer have been phenomenal. Her self-titled debut album in 1985 has so far sold more than 14 million copies worldwide. It's follow-up, simply titled Whitney, entered the American charts last year at Number One — a feat only achieved before by Elton John, Stevie Wonder and Bruce Springsteen, and never by a woman.

And through it all Whitney Houston has remained spotless. She may be attractive to men, she might have the knack for projecting blatant sexiness — but all that, she says, is merely entertainment; just as art.

The real Whitney, the one the public never sees, is a God-fearing church goer who simply does what she does to earn a living — always making sure the job is done tastefully, if not teasingly.

"I am by no means a sex symbol," she insists. "Either you have it or you don't, but it's not something you can pretend about. If you try to be sexy, you're overdoing it. If you're really sexy, then it shows automatically."

"I know what I want to look like — clean, healthy, neat and classy — and I don't want to look sexy. Anyway, I don't think clothes make you look sexy; that's something that comes from within."

Unbelievably virtuous and prim though such comments might sound — particularly coming from a pop star — Whitney is actually as good as her word. Even to the point where she blankly refuses to sing any songs which she considers to be too sexual.

Wiping away the tears as she made a speech while collecting yet another top musical award recently, Whitney's first words

She may have the knack for projecting blatant sexiness, but all that, says the 23-year-old pop sensation, is just an act. The real Whitney, the one the public rarely sees is a God-fearing church-goer who simply does what she does to earn a living, making sure the job is done tastefully, if not teasingly.



Whitney Houston: wholesome and entertaining

were, predictably, of thanks. "I want to thank Almighty God for love and strength," she said.

It came as no surprise to the singer's many millions of fans throughout the world.

Beliefs

Indeed it only publicly affirmed her religious beliefs — that have now reportedly led her to enrol in Bible classes in order to become a Baptist minister in her home town of Newark, New Jersey.

But now her 'goody two-shoes' behaviour has even got her own record company worried. Arista, the company she is signed to along with her first cousin Dionne Warwick and godmother Aretha Franklin, is said to have recently put pressure on Whitney to get herself a boyfriend.

Despite her good looks and a long list of hopeful suitors which has included actors Robert de Niro and Michael J.

Fox, Whitney has rarely been seen out dating.

"Whitney's bachelor girl life is a worry to Arista," a friend of the singer is supposed to have said. "And the company has had a meeting to try and iron out the problems."

"They want to show Whitney as a sex symbol, with handsome admirers in tow." Instead, she shares a New York flat with her personal assistant, Robyn Crawford, whom she describes as "the sister I never had."

The two met when Whitney was 17, and have been nearly inseparable ever since. Robyn, two years older than her superstar flatmate, dropped out of college — where she had played basketball on scholarship — to work for Whitney.

Their relationship and living arrangements have led to predictable rumours that they are lovers. Both shrug off the suggestion. "I tell my family

"You can hear anything on the streets, but if you don't hear it from me — then it's not true," says Robyn.

True to form, Whitney has not allowed her feathers to get too ruffled by the stories claiming she is gay either. "My mother taught me that when you stand in the truth and someone tells a lie about you — don't fight it."

"I'm not with any man. I'm not in love. People see Robyn with me and they draw their own conclusions. Anyway, whose business is it if you're gay or like dogs?"

"What others do shouldn't matter. Let people talk. It doesn't matter to me because I know I'm not gay. Besides, I don't care."

It is interesting that Whitney — a grown woman — should still be referring to her mother's pearls of wisdom, but then Cissy Houston, a veteran and respected soul and rhythm and blues singer herself, has been one of the major driving forces behind her daughter's sensational career.

More than that, Whitney has always been guided by her rules for life in general. "My family love me and I have had that love since I was born," she says. "That's why I'm here, because of love. My mother taught me to love myself, and when you can love yourself — then you can love someone else."

Whitney's mother also saw to it that her child was not allowed to wear make-up until she was 14, or date a boy until she reached 16. And if Cissy thought Whitney needed a spanking — she got one.

It was Cissy who allowed Whitney to sing in public for the first time when she was 12 years old. Up until that point, she had not wanted to push any of her three children into a show business career.

"I didn't require that my children sing anywhere but in church, it was her own choice."

As with so many soul singers, Whitney learned her singing in church. "After singing there, I finally realised that using my voice was what I was meant to do," she says.

"Gospel singing has given



As with so many soul singers, Whitney learned her singing in church.

me the emotion, power and the strength to do this. People would come up to me and say that the way I sang had changed their whole life. I knew then that if I could excite a congregation in church, then I could excite anyone."

To this day, Whitney continues to visit the Mount Hope Baptist Church in New Jersey, where Cissy is Minister of Music. "I go on Sundays to sing along with the rest of the congregation," she explains.

"I sing for the poor people who cannot pay or get to see my concerts. But, really, I've known no other way of spending my Sundays apart from singing in church. I've done it since I was a child so it's very natural for me, and I love it."

"Gospel music runs deep with us. All kinds of music were played at home — but on a Sunday it was gospel only. These days I'm not religious in the sense of doing nothing else but worshipping — but I'm a great believer. I have faith and God still guides me in everything I do."

Which is the reason why Whitney prays each night. "I don't necessarily do so for hap-

piness," she says, "or for peace of mind. I do it slightly robotically to keep me focussed on what I do and why I do it."

The support she gets from her family and from religion are the twin forces that help keep Whitney safely on the rails, she believes. "Everyone always assured me that I had talent, but often I know that it's really not enough."

"I have a family that loves me, and my closest and dearest just want nice things for me — that is the real thing which has helped. But when I'm worried I say to myself 'Whitney, don't fret if you think that God's not around...there's always Mamma.'"

Whitney Houston is that rarest of singing stars — a performer with an appeal that extends across all boundaries — racial, age and musical. She is wholesome, harmless and entertaining, and would really rather things were left at that. "I'm blessed with this voice which was just given to me," she says, "and I'm also blessed with people who love and care for me. Why should everyone know everything about me? There have to be some surprises..."

George Michael tops US charts

NEW YORK: George Michael stayed on for the second week in a row at the top of the single pop record charts in the United States with his big hit One More Try.

The second and third spots on the Cash Box magazine chart also remained unchanged, with Anything For You by Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine at number two, and Shattered Dreams by Johnny Hates Jazz at number three.

As for the Country-and-Western singles, Earl Thomas Conley moved into the number one slot on the Cash Box magazine chart with What She Is (Is A Woman In Love). Old Folks by Ronnie Milsap and Mike Reid was second, and I Told You So by Randy Travis was third.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) One More Try — George Michael (Columbia).
2. (2) Anything For You — Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine (Epic).
3. (3) Shattered Dreams — Johnny Hates Jazz (Virgin).
4. (4) Naughty Girls (Need Love Too) — Samantha Fox (Jive).
5. (9) Together Forever — Rick Astley (RCA).
6. (7) Everything Your Heart Desires — Daryl Hall and John Oates (Arista).
7. (13) Foolish Beat — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).
9. (11) Piano In The Dark — Brenda Russell with Joe Esposito (A and M).
10. (16) Make It Real — The Jets (MCA).

The ten top Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) What She Is (Is A Woman In Love) — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).
2. (2) Old Folks — Ronnie Milsap and Mike Reid (Rca).
3. (7) I Told So — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).
4. (4) True Heart — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
5. (6) One True Love — The

O'Kanes (Columbia).

6. (9) Out Of Sight And On My Mind — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).

7. (10) He's Back And I'm Blue — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).

8. (11) If I Don't Come Easy — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).

9. (1) Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses — Kathy Mattea (Mercury-Polygram).

10. (13) Wildflowers — Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris (Warner Brothers).

LONDON: A remake by a Scottish group of the Beatles' hit With A Little Help From My Friends held top place in the British pop singles chart for a third straight week.

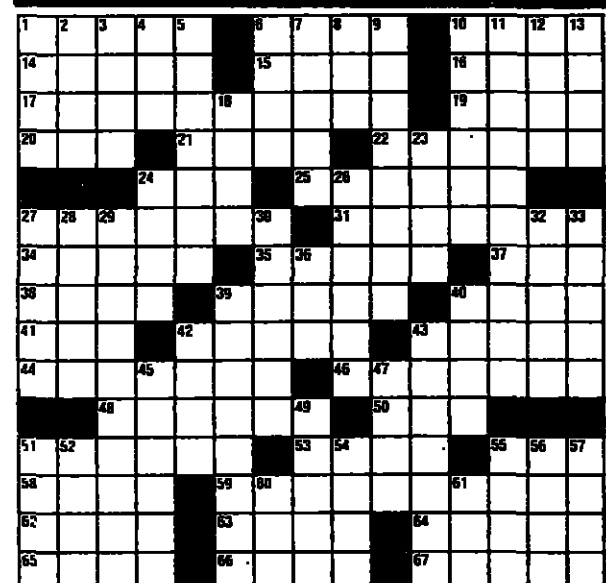
The latest version of the song first heard in 1967 on the Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album was made for charity by Wet Wet Wet and English singer Billy Bragg.

The top three spots on this week's chart were unchanged, with Got To Be Certain by Australian Kylie Minogue in second place and by the British group Fairground Attraction in third.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Melody Maker magazine, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (1) With A Little Help From My Friends — Wet Wet Wet and Billy Bragg (Chilldine).
2. (2) Got To Be Certain — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
3. (3) Perfect — Fairground Attraction (RCA).
4. (7) Divine Emotion — Narada (Warner Bros).
5. (4) Blue Monday '88 — New Order (Factory).
6. (6) Circle In The Sand — Belinda Carlisle (Virgin).
7. (16) Check This Out — La Mix (Breakout).
8. (8) The King Of Rock 'N' Roll — Prefab Sprout (Kitchenware).
9. (14) Don't Go — Hothouse Flowers (London).
10. (13) Somewhere In My Heart — Aztec Camera (WEA).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Sudden shocks
 - 6 World War I fighter plane
 - 10 Low-grade barge
 - 14 Approximately
 - 15 Pennsylvania lakeside city
 - 16 In support of
 - 17 For small pigs he was a home wrecker
 - 19 Feed the kitty
 - 20 Bishopric
 - 21 Fruit covering
 - 22 Give a going over to
 - 24 Series under: Abbr.
 - 25 Member of a USN construction battalion
 - 27 Made like Nero
 - 31 Set straight
 - 34 Positive battery pole
 - 35 Chemical compound
 - 37 Attention
 - 38 Evening, in Milano
 - 39 Made the effort
 - 40 Otherwise
 - 41 Prefix with color or corn
 - 42 Come about
 - 43 Dims
 - 44 Provided a livery barn
 - 46 "... what fools these — be!" WS
 - 48 Lasso parts
 - 50 Part of LA
 - 51 Feel remorse
 - 53 Footnote word
 - 55 Hit in a high arc
 - 58 Concerning
 - 59 Horsewoman who barely made it
- DOWN
- 2 Identifying mark
 - 3 Fashion magazine
 - 4 Hi-fi component
 - 5 Openers
 - 6 Hurried on
 - 7 Idyllic spots
 - 8 Verbal swipes
 - 9 New York theater award
 - 10 Opera house location
 - 11 Butter container
 - 12 Gave a turn
 - 13 Stretched
 - 14 Impels
 - 15 Enjoy poor health
 - 16 Punctured
 - 17 Song associated with Al Jolson
 - 18 Had such a ball she lost track of time
 - 19 Director
 - 20 Preminger
 - 21 "Where or —"
 - 22 Cut up
 - 23 But, in Darmstadt
 - 24 Old Norse texts
 - 25 Admiration
 - 26 Observes
 - 27 Lenient rules
 - 28 Static
 - 29 Wild man not a pretty picture
 - 30 Ridicule
 - 31 Atelier feature
 - 32 Don formal attire
 - 33 Buddy's sibling
 - 34 Certain bridges
 - 35 Diner sign
 - 36 Cosmetic plant
 - 37 Build up
 - 38 Plant pests
 - 39 Designer
 - 40 Cassini
 - 41 Move in
 - 42 crabbie fashion
 - 43 Put on the line
 - 44 Ending with prefer or refer
 - 45 Changed the color
 - 46 Field of work
 - 47 It's turned off by cooks
 - 48 What captains wear
 - 49 Heidi lived on one
 - 50 Box-office flop

GOREN BRIDGE

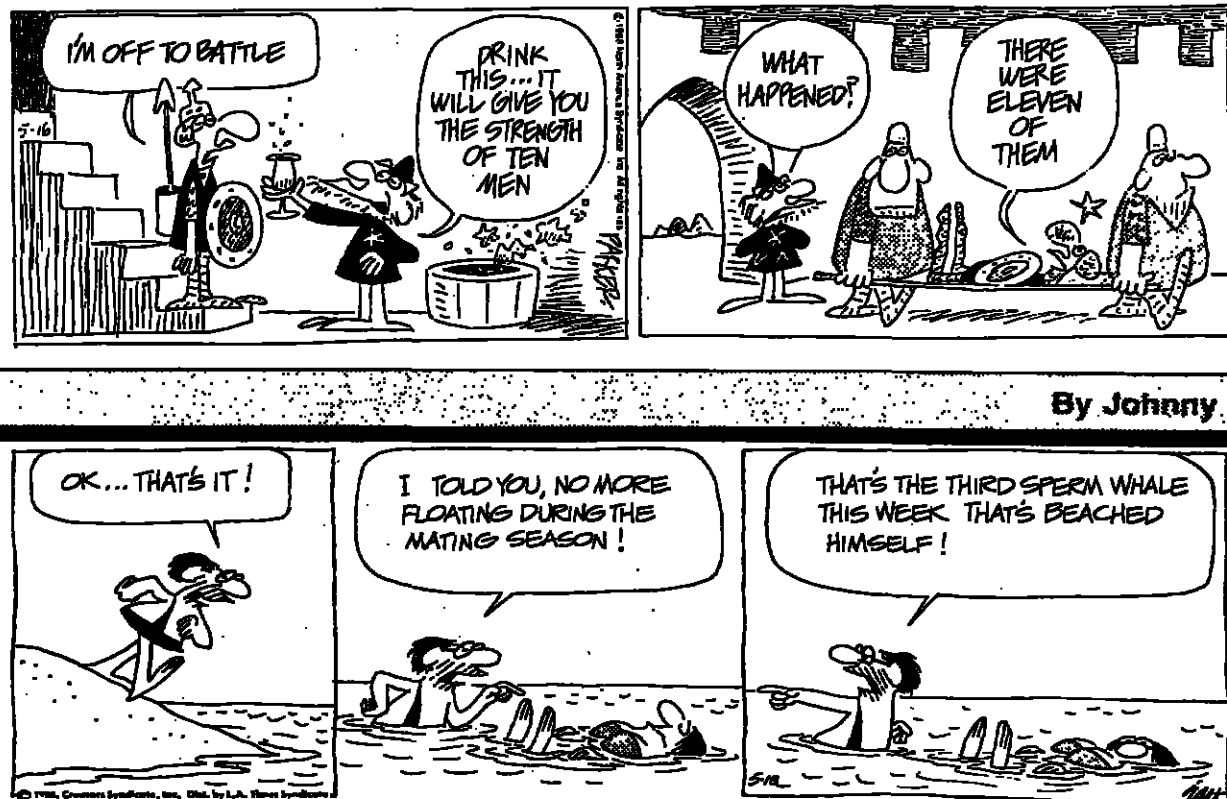
BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ J83 ♥ Q7652 ♦ K95 ♣ 72
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ Dbl 1 ♦
What action do you take?
- Q.2—As South, vulnerable you hold:
♠ Q10743 ♥ 95 ♦ KJ63 ♣ 83
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ Dbl 1 ♠
What action do you take?
- Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KQ1053 ♥ 83 ♦ AQ763 ♣ 8
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?
- Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 974 ♥ KJ8 ♦ AKQ72 ♣ 63
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?
- Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 974 ♥ AKJ ♦ AS762 ♣ 63
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?
- Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 974 ♥ KJ8 ♦ AS762 ♣ A6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 19)
You should make a bigger effort to control your temper. Do not dismiss the difficulties, nor should you exaggerate them. Concentrate on what you are doing. Be prompt.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You will have to make a few changes but they will not be too hard to make. You should ensure that you leave yourself with enough room for manoeuvre. You will have to do something to keep love alive. Be generous.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
You will be able to put something you have learnt only recently to good use. Leave as little as possible for another day. You should not neglect a personal matter. Be a little more tolerant.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
If you try to do too much all at once you are in danger of doing nothing well. However if you exercise a little more commonsense you will be able to make good progress. Do not allow work to intrude on your personal affairs. Be resilient.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You will be able to get close to doing what you had set out to do. You should have faith in your own ability to succeed. You should use persuasion rather than attempting force. Be flexible.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
There is a need to cut down on expenditure, but do not skimp on essential repairs. Something you have initiated will not proceed quite the way you had intended. Make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Be considerate.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
If you have made a promise you should go all out to keep. You should do all you can to avoid getting into a muddle. Keep your personal belongings, particularly papers, in order. Be realistic.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will not be on the best of terms with one of your colleagues at work and should attempt a reconciliation. Control your reactions and temper them. Drink less rather than more. Be moderate.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
You should ensure you do not do anything that might create confusion. You should not let others dictate to you, but there is no point in being obdurate. Try to avoid thinking gloomy thoughts. Be reliable.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
The more favourable influence of the Sun, the Moon and Mars will help you to retain your independence. You will tend to be rather too self-satisfied.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
You will tend to be a little nervous and should make an effort to calm down. There is good cause for a little more optimism. Make sure you do not neglect your health. Be reasonable.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Opec semi-annual meeting postponed to June 11

Ministers to discuss ways to bolster sagging oil prices

VIENNA, June 3, (UPI): The 13 Opec oil ministers meet on June 11 with a planel of problems before them, all keyed on finding ways to bolster sagging world oil prices.

Analysts say the regular semi-annual meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries — postponed from Tuesday until Saturday — is being convened on a pessimistic note. Opec is dodged by rampant cheating over production quotas, heavy new losses by Iran in the Gulf war and the collapse of an attempt to negotiate production ceilings with six non-Opec countries.

Oil prices fell as low as \$13 a barrel in early March, but rallied to the current \$15-16 a barrel average.

Opec set an internal production ceiling of 16.6 million barrels per day for the first half of 1988. But several states — most notably Iraq, which is not a signatory to the agreement — are producing more, and the total

output is estimated to exceed 18 million barrels.

"The problem is twofold: discipline in Opec and how to maintain it, and how to reach a compromise with non-Opec countries which would be satisfactory to both sides," said one close observer.

Depressing

Opec members, led by Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, rejected in April a proposal by six non-Opec producers under which each side would have reduced exports by five per cent. The issue may be brought up again at the Vienna meeting, which some non-organisation states are expected to attend as observers.

The Saudi-led group favours higher production despite its depressing effect on prices. A majority of Opec states led by Venezuela and Iran want to retain or even lower production ceilings to push prices toward Opec's official target level of \$18 a barrel.

The authoritative Middle East

Economic Survey last week released a forecast estimating Opec demand at 19 million barrels per day for the second half. The Opec secretariat's estimates are a more conservative 18.4 million barrels.

"The most likely outcome is that the current quota ceiling will probably be extended, certainly for the third quarter and probably for the fourth quarter," said Fergus Macleod, an oil analyst for Barclays De Zoete Wedd in London.

"Opec projections are that demand is stronger now. When you've got that, the usual outcome in Opec is a compromise to leave things where they are."

Raising quota ceilings would also probably dissolve any hopes of future cooperation with the non-Opec countries, led by Mexico and Colombia.

Another unknown factor is an offer by Iraq's Oil Minister, Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi, to join in any quota agreement worked out with non-Opec countries.

"That could mean a lot, because so far Opec has been unable to control the Iraqis," said one analyst. Iraq's current output is estimated at 2.4 billion barrels per day while its Opec-set quota is 1.5 billion.

Another political problem is the growing isolation of Iran within Opec over the Gulf war and its rupture of relations with Saudi Arabia following the killing of some 400 Iranian religious fanatics at Makkah last July.

"This meeting is going to be against the background of the current Iranian setbacks," said Hans-Heino Kopietz, an analyst at the London-based Institute of Strategic Studies.

Maintain

"We in the West have put a lot of pressure on countries to isolate Iran, and given Iraq almost carte blanche for its military offensive. If Iran perceives this as a stand-off situation, it could walk out. That could blow the whole market right open," Kopietz said.

The ministers will also face a

host of technical issues, including a more precise definition of the type of oil to be included in quotas.

Venezuela has excluded from its daily quota some 200,000 to 300,000 barrels of extra light crude by terming it "condensate," which is exempt from the quotas.

Meanwhile, the Energy Ministry said Venezuela will maintain its traditional support for curbs on oil output in next week's Opec meeting.

"Our position will be the traditional one — to try to achieve a production ceiling that is in line with real demand for the second semester, and also in line with Opec's objective to reach an average price of \$18 per barrel," Energy Minister Arturo Hernandez Crisiani said, according to a ministry spokeswoman.

He said Opec experts are working since Monday in Vienna to draw up demand estimates for the second half. Demand normally rises in the second half.

In the first half, Opec produc-

tion of between 17.5 and 18 million barrels a day exceeded demand by about 1 to 2 million barrels a day.

Hernandez spoke following a meeting with local oil experts on Tuesday.

Depending

The minister said Venezuela probably will reduce its year-long per barrel earnings estimate following the Vienna meeting, depending on the results of the conference.

The current estimate is \$15.20 per barrel, after it was reduced in January from \$16.70.

"We are analysing if it will be convenient to adjust the estimate to market realities... (the new price) will probably be less than \$15.20," he said.

Venezuela earned an average of \$15 per barrel in March, he said, but since then oil prices have fallen by about a dollar.

In a special Opec meeting last April, Venezuela supported production cuts of around 300,000 barrels a day, but the proposal was not adopted.

World Business Summary

Tate and Lyle offer for Staley expires

ROLLING MEADOW, Illinois, June 3, (AP): Staley Continental Inc. shareholders have tendered more than 90 per cent of their stock to Tate and Lyle Plc under a \$1.5 billion takeover. About 31.5 million shares of Staley's common stock were tendered by Tuesday's 5 pm EDT (1900 GMT) expiration of the \$36.50 per share offer, said Mary Conway, a Tate and Lyle spokeswoman. With those shares, plus the 1.5 million common shares that Tate and Lyle already owned, the British company had more than 90.3 per cent of Staley's outstanding common shares, Conway said. Staley has guaranteed Tate and Lyle delivery of all other outstanding shares, she said. "Tate and Lyle anticipates merging Staley Continental Inc. into its indirect, wholly owned subsidiary, RP Acquisition Corp., within a week," Conway said. Tate and Lyle's complete offer for the corn-sweetener and food-service company amounted to some \$1.5 billion. Staley Continental, headquartered here in suburban Chicago, is a leading maker of corn sweeteners and food-service supplies. Tate and Lyle, Britain's second-largest sugar refiner, is buying the company mostly for its Decatur-based A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. subsidiary, the second-largest U.S. refiner of corn syrup. Tate and Lyle has said it plans to sell Staley's food-service subsidiary, CFS Continental Inc., and move the corporate headquarters back to Decatur, Illinois. Staley Continental agreed to the takeover, which was announced on May 13.

Slowdown reported in South Korean exports

SEOUL, June 3, (AP): South Korea's exports in May rose 16 per cent to \$4.67 billion, slumping from an average hike of 32.5 per cent during the first four months of the year, the trade and foreign ministries said yesterday. The May figure compared to \$4.02 billion during the same month in 1987. The slower growth was attributed to recent labour dispute over wage hikes in auto and other export industries, and also to the appreciation of the Korean won against the US dollar. The won has gone up 8 per cent since January. Imports in May were tallied at \$4.23 billion, up 16.6 per cent from \$3.63 billion a year ago. The trade surplus in May amounted to \$435 million, compared with \$437 million in April and \$395 million in May 1987. The May surplus was the smallest since February. The surplus between January and May widened to \$2.27 billion from \$2.02 billion in the same period last year. Exports were listed at \$22.1 billion for the past five months, up 28.6 per cent from a year ago, while imports rose \$30.7 per cent to \$19.83 billion, according to the ministry's preliminary statistics.

Koppers succumbs to Beazer

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, June 3, (AP): British industrialist Brian Beazer said his \$61 per share merger offer was approved and signed on Wednesday by Koppers Co., the construction materials and chemicals company that resisted him for three months. Koppers said its board approved by a unanimous vote and recommended that shareholders accept the deal, which includes an offer of \$107.75 per preferred share. "It has taken more time and effort to achieve our goal, but achieve it we did," Beazer said in a statement released in New York and London. The \$1.7 billion deal will add one of the largest road repair companies in the United States to Beazer's construction company, Beazer Plc of Bath, England.

Oman's banks see profits tumble in slack economy

MUSCAT, June 3, (Reuters): "Debt collectors — immediate vacancies."

The small advert in Oman's English language daily, taken out by a merchant trading company, sums up the problems facing Oman's nine local and 13 foreign banks as they fight to stave off a second year of declining profits.

In a sluggish economy, still heavily dependent on the fickle world oil market, bad debts are sapping earnings at Omani companies and that in turn means bank loans are turning sour.

"The need to build loan provision is likely to continue for the time being," said John Wright, general manager and chief executive officer at Omani International Bank (OIB).

"And the overall banking market is still shrinking."

Banks in Oman rode out the first year of the Gulf state's recession

in 1986 as oil prices plummeted, dipping briefly below \$10 per barrel.

But last year, net profits at some local operations fell by more than 40 per cent and dividends were generally cut sharply. Some bankers fear 1988 could bring another drop in earnings.

Reduced

That has refocused attention on long-standing merger plans which could see Bank of Oman, Bahrain and Kuwait (BOBK) join forces with another medium-sized local bank to form the second biggest group in the Gulf state.

Rumours that smaller banks will also merge are rife and bankers believe the Central Bank of Oman would welcome a cut in numbers if it led to a strengthening of the banking system.

The economic slowdown has reduced new lending opportunities, as government contracts

remain at a low ebb banks margins have been squeezed by high rates paid for deposits and those banks flush with funds have found few new investment outlets.

Some, such as OIB, have opted to extend branch networks to capture a growing retail market in the interior. But several banks, especially in the foreign sector, have been traditional trade-related business stagnate.

Merchants in the neighbouring emirate of Dubai are enjoying a mini-boom, but despite Oman's refusal to take sides in the Iran-Iraq war, that upswing has so far passed the Sultanate by.

"The economy is still sluggish, we are seeing the effects of a third year of recession," said one Western banker.

"I can see no reason why 1988 should be any better for bank profits than 1987."

Non-Opec Oman has recently

increased oil production to as much as 630,000 barrels per day (bpd), reversing an earlier policy to limit output to about 535,000 barrels.

The switch came after failure of talks between Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-Opec nations to agree joint output cuts, a proposal for which Oman's Petroleum and Minerals Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari had lobbied hard behind the scenes.

But with the Sultanate's crude oil selling at only a little over \$15 per barrel, few bankers believe there is any slack in the government's austerity programme to unleash a new wave of spending before the start of 1989 at the earliest.

The most graphic illustration of the problems facing local banks in this climate came with the qualification of Union Bank of Oman's accounts by auditors.

Deloitte Haskins and Sells.

According to the bank's published accounts, two "related party advances" — to shareholders who are directors or past directors of the bank — totalling 1.56 million Omani rials (\$4 million) were not adequately secured.

Bankers said news of the auditors' qualification spread like wildfire through the small banking community.

The bank's net loss increased to 267,000 rials (\$69,000) from 210,000 (\$54,000) in 1986.

The biggest, National Bank of Oman, registered a steep 42.3 per cent decline in net profit to 1.74 million rials (\$4.5 million) and cut its dividend to 10 per cent from 15 per cent.

In a bid to generate new revenue, the bank has started a small loans scheme aimed at the fishing and agriculture sectors, focal points of government efforts to diversify the economy.

UAE warned on dangers of oil leaks

ABU DHABI, June 3, (Opecna): The Federal National Council (FNC) of the United Arab Emirates has called on the government to provide the higher council for environmental protection with the necessary facilities to combat sea pollution.

At a session here on Wednesday, the FNC warned of the dangers of oil leaks in the Gulf as a result of frequent attacks on oil tankers.

It said the sea pollution was increasing to dangerous levels and threatening human as well as marine lives in the region.

FNC also stressed that the higher council for environmental protection could only become active when it possesses the necessary pollution-combating equipment, adding that the relevant laws should also be enacted.

US unemployment rate rises to 5.6pc in May

WASHINGTON, June 3, (Reuters): The US unemployment rate rose to 5.6 per cent in May from April's 5.4 per cent, the government said today.

The increase in the jobless rate, the first since last October, occurred even though non-farm businesses hired 209,000 workers last month, the Labour Department said.

Modest

The modest rise in unemployment was likely to allay some of the financial markets' fears that the US economy was growing so quickly the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, would have to raise interest rates to quell inflationary pressures, economists said.

The report was consistent with a forecast made yesterday by Beryl Sprinkel, President Reagan's chief economic adviser, that the US economy would keep growing in the run-up to November's presidential election, but at a slower, more sustainable pace.

The rise in non-farm payroll jobs was a bit less than private economists had expected, but the government sharply revised its figures for April to show an increase of 249,000 instead of 174,000.

The Federal Reserve has been nudging up interest rates in recent weeks to take some steam out of the economy.

With brisk domestic demand from consumers colliding with a flood of foreign orders sparked by the new-found competitiveness of US manufacturers on world markets, policy-makers were worried that factories were running out of capacity and would start raising prices.

But today's report showed nearly all the new jobs last month were in service industries, which added 201,000 workers.

Not for the first time, the survey of business payrolls painted a much different picture than the Labour Department's companion household survey, which is used to calculate the unemployment rate.

Over time, the two surveys converge. But from month to month they can diverge sharply.

Contracted

In contrast to the business survey, the household sample showed 518,000 fewer people held a job last month and the labour force contracted by 345,000.

Figures on hours worked in May also provided evidence that economic growth is slowing from the brisk first-quarter pace of 3.9

per cent.

The length of the average workweek was 34.7 hours in May down from 34.9 in April, while factories worked an average 41.1 hours, down from 41.2.

The department said average hourly earnings rose seasonally adjusted 0.7 per cent in May, while average weekly earnings were unchanged. With no increase in spending power, economists said they expected only small gains in May retail sales and other measures of consumer spending.

Shed

The number of manufacturing jobs rose by 19,000 last month to 19.48 million, while mining shed 2,000 workers and construction employment fell 6,000.

The rise in the unemployment rate meant 6.78 million Americans had no job last month out of a labour force of 120.98 million.

A broader measure of unemployment that takes into account military personnel as well as civilians rose to 5.5 per cent in May from 5.4 per cent in April.

The financial markets displayed little immediate reaction to the jobless report.

The dollar was barely changed at around 1.7225 marks and 125.70 yen, while interest rates

on US government bonds edged up after dipping initially.

Jaet Norwood, commissioner of the Bureau of Labour Statistics, said it would be premature to draw conclusions about civilian employment from the May household survey.

Appropriate

"At this time of the year, I believe it would be more appropriate to focus on the business survey, which shows continued — although somewhat slower — growth than previously," she said in prepared testimony to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

Beryl Sprinkel, yesterday predicted continued US economic growth and said the financial markets were wrong to be so afraid of inflation.

"Sustained economic growth with low inflation lies ahead. Expansions don't die of old age but of inappropriate economic policies," Sprinkel told the US Chamber of Commerce.

The current expansion, now in its 67th month, is the longest in peacetime.

Booming exports have sustained the recovery in recent months, raising worries that falling unemployment and rising capacity use rates would fuel inflation.

Orders to US factories increase by 1.2pc

WASHINGTON, June 3, (AP): Orders to US factories rose a strong 1.2 per cent in April, the second substantial monthly increase in a row, the government said on Wednesday.

Most economists had been forecasting more modest growth in new orders of 0.5 per cent and the bigger-than-expected number likely will do little to alleviate fears that strong demand, particularly for exports, will trigger greater inflation.

The Commerce Department said that orders for durable and non-durable goods rose to a seasonally adjusted \$218.7 billion in April.

The advance followed a 1.6 per cent increase in March, no change in February and a modest 0.6 per cent decline in January.

The strength in April came in electrical machinery, lumber and wood products and in petroleum, chemicals and paper.

The US economy, as measured by the Gross National Product, expanded at a healthy 3.9 per cent rate in the first three months of the year and analysts were looking toward the factory orders report and other data for April for signs that the pace

would moderate.

The department revised its estimate of new orders for durable goods, "big ticket items" expected to last three or more years, to \$116.4 billion, up 1.0 per cent. The previous estimate for April, released 10 days ago, was 0.8 per cent. The gain in March had been 0.8 per cent.

Orders for non-durable goods increased 1.5 per cent to \$102.2 billion in April following a 2.5 per cent rise a month earlier.

Excluding the volatile category of military goods, orders were up 1.2 per cent in April, the third consecutive increase and the sixth rise in seven months.

Farm exports

Meanwhile, the US farm exports in March climbed to a 3-1/2 year high of 14.8 million tons valued at \$3.3 billion, the Agriculture Department announced on Wednesday.

"Agriculture is making an

important contribution to the

trade balance of the United

States," Agriculture Secretary

Richard E. Lyng said in a speech

to the National Press Club before

the figures were released.

In his remarks, Lyng predicted

around \$33 billion in export sales this year and a positive US farm trade balance of perhaps \$12 billion.

March exports easily topped figures for the same month last year, which were 11.4 million tons valued at \$2.4 billion. It was the best monthly performance since December 1984.

The nation posted an agricultural trade surplus in March of \$1.38 billion, the fifth straight month that the balance sheet has been \$1 billion or more in the black, the department said. It said the March surplus was the largest since December 1984 also.

Fiscal 1988 agricultural exports through March totaled 77.3 million tons valued at \$17.8 billion, USDA said. It said that represented an increase of 13.6 million tons and \$3.3 billion from the same period last year.

Agriculture Department economists are forecasting fiscal 1988 exports totaling 143.5 million tons and valued at \$33.5 billion.

Lyng said a US proposal to dismantle all farm subsidies and farm trade barriers within 10 years is negotiable and not a demand.

Oilmen optimistic at Turkey's first Marmara Sea oil well

SILIVRI, Turkey, June 3, (Reuters): Gas and trace oil deposits found during drilling at Turkey's first Marmara Sea oil well are good omens for future finds, oilmen said today.

"It looks good. In five or six days we expect to find oil," Billie Ray, manager of the Marmara-1 oil platform off Silivri, 60 km (35 miles) west of Istanbul, told reporters.

Ray's rig has been drilling at Silivri since May 7 for Petrol International Drilling Company, on contract to Turk Petrolleri A.O., the state oil company.

After the Marmara Sea, State Minister Kazim Oksay said the mobile drilling platform will test Aegean Sea sites in the Edremit gulf near Izmir and Saroz gulf near the Greek border.

The Aegean sites are within eight km (five miles) of Turkey's coastline, the internationally recognised limit. A conflict between Turkey and Greece over oil drilling and territorial rights nearly brought them to war in 1987.



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NAME	LAST	LASHO	427.0
ABBEY LIFE	293.0	LEGAL+GEN	282.0
ADT LTD	120.0	LOHNRH	252.0
ALD LYONS	429.0	LUCAS IND	510.0
AMSTRAD	183.0	MAGNET	173.0
ARGTLL GP	188.0	MARKS+SP	434.0
ASDA GP	154.0	MAXWELL C	233.0
BAA	282.0	METAL BOX	250.0
BAT	267.0	MEPC	547.0
BAT INDS	436.0	MIDLAND BK	422.0
BARCLAYS	406.0	NEXT	293.0
BASS	79.0	NTH FOODS	68.0
BEAZER	180.0	P & O DFD	475.0
BEECHAMS	482.0	PEARL	585.0
BERISFORD	336.0	PEARLSON	708.0
BICC PLC	326.0	PILKINGTON	202.0
BLUE ARRW	116.0	PLESSEY	157.0
BLUE CIRC	413.0	PRUDENTIAL	157.5
BUC GP	386.0	RACAL	323.0
BOOTS CO	209.0	RANK HVIS	362.0
BPH INDS	285.0	RANK+CO	718.0
BC BOM	26.0	RCKITT+RG	875.0
BC AIRWAY	145.0	REDLAND	407.0
BC AEROSP	391.0	REED	409.0
BC GAS RG	173.0	RNL BK SC	347.0
B.P.	267.0	RMC BRP	472.0
B.P.+NEW	71.0	REUTERS	496.0
BC TELCOM	236.5	RIZ CORP.	435.0
BRITROL	520.0	ROLLS ROY	21.87
BUNZEL	142.0	ROTHMAN B	422.0
BURMAH OL	547.0	ROUNTREE	638.0
BURTON	33.76	ROYAL TNS	401.0
CABLE&WIR	355.0	SAAATCHI	377.0
CADBURYS	397.0	SAINSBURY	219.0
COATS VVY	335.0	SCOT+NEW	318.0
COMB UNI	279.0	SEARS	120.0
COWS GOLD	040.0	SEBEMICK	262.0
COWS INC	330.0	SHELL	062.0
DAULGETY	344.0	SMITH IND	231.0
DALEGETY	12.00	SMITH+MEPH	116.0
DEE CP	187.0	STC	250.0
DIXONS	177.0	STORENSE	253.0
ENG CHINA	449.0	SUR ALLTA	922.0
ENTER OIL	433.0	TARMAC	240.0
FKI BACKER	21.87	TATE&LYLE	766.0
FERRANTI	81.0	TESCO	152.0
GEN ACCID	880.0	THORN EM	643.0
GEN ELEC	148.0	TRAF HSE	293.0
GLAXO	923.0	TSB	99.0
GRANADA	308.0	T + N	138.0
GLOBE	138.0	TRUSTHSE	264.0
GLYNED	435.0	ULTRAMAR	295.0
GRAND MET	508.0	UNILEVER	461.0
GUARD RLY	879.0	UNIGATE	307.0
ICI	330.0	UNILEC	261.0
GUINNESS	324.0	UNIT W&SPR	405.0
HMERSON A	613.0	WELLCONE	539.0
HANSON	135.0	WINTROD	259.5
HAKER SID	500.0	WILLIAMS	284.0
HILLSDOWN	275.0	WILLIS FB	257.0
ICI	010.0	WIMPEY GE	245.0
IMI	196.0	WOOLWORTH	301.0

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(Beta Stocks)

	CLOSE	OPEN	BRIXTON	515/0
CT CHARL	12/4	13/0	BRIMMER	106/0
D ALLICE	699/0	702/0	BSR INTL	62/0
B.ELECT	413/0	413/0	BULMER HP	179/0
S.W MUD	154/0	155/0	CALOR GRP	389/0
N NEW	275/0	276/0	CAMB ELEC	225/0
ROWSON	117/0	118/0	CAMB INST	50/0
RENE OIL	200/0	200/0	CAMFORD E	180/0
DISON	41/0	40/0	CANNING W	185/0
WEST	322/0	323/0	CANNON ST	285/0
GRG WRIM	175/0	175/0	CAP GRP	294/0
EXON	385/0	386/0	CAP RFD	292/0
LD POLL	126/0	126/0	CARLCO EN	158/0
LD CLINT	50/0	50/0	CARLESS C	121/0
LIANCE	776/0	775/0	CARLSON C	795/0
ARI	213/0	213/0	CASE GRP	91.0
EC	376/0	376/0	CATER ALL	370/0
RENT TRST	120/4	121/0	CENTL ITV	539/0
ERSHAM	458/0	460/0	CHARTERA	17/6
I LYNTH	261/0	261/0	CHAS CHUR	122/0
GLORD O'S	199/4	199/0	CHATER CN	340/0
P PLEYDAR	439/0	440/0	CHLORIDE	47/4
RICOT	100/0	101/0	CHRISTIES	549/0
V PLUC	111/0	112/0	CI GROUP	44/0
UAS.A.S.	88/0	88/0	CLYDE PET	135/0
AN ENGY	77/0	77/0	CLYDE SEC	5/0
LCHER AJ	154/0	155/0	COLITE	288/0
WINTER	200/0	208/0	COATES BR	321/0
STRONG	125/0	125/0	COLLINS A	461/0
ILEY, LA	120/0	120/0	COLLINS W	565/0
THOMDS	284/0	285/0	COLOROLL	182/0
S REE A	281/0	282/0	GOSTAIN	313/0
ST REED	363/0	385/0	COURTAS A	179/0
THERRILL	182/0	186/0	COURTS FR	253/0
SHI	86/0	86/0	COMIE (T)	109/0
SHI	200/0	200/0	CRES NIC	217/0
BRKER DO	144/0	144/0	CRH	132/0
TRST DEV	179/0	180/0	CRODA INT	175/0
RYNES C.	26/0	27/0	CROWTHER	181/0
UJAM GP	171/0	170/0	CRESNT JA	154/0
HAIVEN	45/0	46/0	CRYSTALAT	152/0
LD	268/0	268/0	DARGES INT	31/4
LLINOX HD	60/0	60/0	DARS EN	199/0
INTALLS	188/0	188/0	DEB RUE	380/0
IRKELEY	343/0	342/0	DELTA GRP	302/0
H GROUP	121/0	120/0	DIPIRA	213/0
IRNID GL	397/0	398/0	DRAYTON C	427/0
OF SCOD	54/4	54/4	DRG	382/0
CKICKWOOD	54/4	52/0	DUNHILL	199/0
CT LEF 2	17/2	17/0	EAGLE RFD	16/6
NETT F	37/0	37/0	EAGLE ST	177/2
ASSES MASH	266/0	266/0	EDIN I.T.	14/4
DDINGH M	154/0	155/0	ELECTRA	198/0
ROCK	613/0	615/0	ELECTROCON	210/0
ROCK	39/0	39/0	ELLIS EVA	182/0
RTUHLIC	60/0	61/0	ELLIS GOL	101/0
WATER	370/0	370/0	ENAP	198/0
WORTHPE	162/0	162/0	ENR ST	254/0
ASSETS	64/0	64/0	ERA GROUP	90/0
DREDDI	134/0	134/0	ETAN	279/0
LAND	324/0	324/0	EURO W.RG	25/0
VITA	215/0	216/0	EURO HOME	312/0

WICKS IN	181/0	181/0	NOTOK
NIGGS HIL	335/0	335/0	RUBEROID
NORDEN GP	371/0	370/0	RUGBY GRP
NOGG TST	200/0	197/0	SAGA HOL
NOLLIS	117/0	116/0	SALVEEN
NOCKSON	109/0	110/0	SAVILLE G
NRSS GMS	146/0	149/0	SAVOT 'A'
NTY GROUP	223/0	228/0	SCIR.GLOB
IBSTOCK J	160/0	161/0	SCOT HERE
ICE.FZ.FD	368/0	368/0	SCOT I.T.
IMRY N.DV	404/0	405/0	SCOT MORT
INDPHOT	47/4	47/0	SCOT NET
INDPHOT W	9/0	9/0	SCOT TV
INT.BU.CH	111/0	112/0	SCT NAT C
INT.CITY	141/0	139/0	SCT NAT I
INV.CAP.	320/0	321/0	SCT NAT W
INVERGORD	256/0	255/0	SECS TST
JNSN.MATH	311/0	311/0	SELECT AS
KALON GP	34/4	34/0	SHERATON
KELT ENGY	52/0	52/0	SIBER
KENDY BRK	412/0	413/0	SINGER
KETSON	82/0	82/0	SINCE2RFR
KLIART BEN	388/0	387/0	SLOUGH ES
KWIK SAV	345/0	346/0	SMITH D
KWIK-FIN	123/0	123/0	SMITH W-B
LAINING 'A'	325/0	325/0	SNURFIT J
LAINING ORD	325/0	325/0	SOV.CORP
LAINING PRP	456/0	455/0	SPRING HLD
LAIRO GP	248/0	248/0	SPR-K-SARC
LAIRO HIL	285/0	285/0	SPRAX
LAIDLIEU SI	370/0	370/0	STANLEY A
LASNO OPS	190/0	190/0	STREND PR
LASURICE.V	150/0	151/0	STORMGRAR
LBN & MAN	268/0	269/0	STYL IND
LBN & MET	189/0	190/0	T-TELES
LBN INTL	263/0	263/0	TELEMETRX
LBN SHOP	261/0	242/0	TELEMENTS
LBN UTD	153/0	153/0	TEMPLE BA
LEIGH INT	229/0	231/0	THRNITS N
LEX SERVC	380/0	380/0	THROGNTN
LIFE SCIE	53/0	53/0	TI GROUP
LILLEY FL	45/0	45/0	TIE RACK
LIN	300/0	300/0	TIME PROD
LND (WH)	655/0	655/0	TOZER KSH
LND HWRD	395/0	393/0	TR CITY
LOW-BONER	248/0	248/0	TRCIBST
LUT RLD	160/0	161/0	TR PACIFI
M-6 GRP	375/0	377/0	TR TRSTEE
M.T.N.PLC	136/0	136/0	TRAVISSE
MACRO 4	293/0	293/0	TRINOCO
MAT	102/0	101/0	TRIPLEX
MAIDERS	375/0		TRIMCO D
MARCARTY	257/0	257/0	TRIMCO W
MARLEY	144/0	143/0	TRISURF
MARSHALLS	257	261/0	TURIDDV
MAT 7	12	12	TURKFF
MATTHEWS	85/0	84/0	TV SOUTH
MACPINE	431/0	430/0	TYLER MOTO
MCCARTHY	454/0	454/0	TYDALL
MCCOCHINE	313/0	314/0	U-APP HOL
MEEEC	233/0	233/0	U-BRD ST
MENZIES J	355/0	355/0	U-CIFFER
MERCH.TST	143/0	143/0	U-DENEY W
METALRAX	86/0	88/0	U-ELDRE
MEYER INT	364/0	365/0	U-FLEAS
MIDSUMMER	381/0	381/0	
MIL CHLT	132/0	133/0	

31/0	231/0
67/0	266/0
02/0	202/0
17/0	217/0

63/0	055/0	ATLANTIC R	85/5	85/3
69/0	09/0	AAR CORP	25/1	25/2
84/0	184/0	ABBOTT LAB	45/3	47/2
22/0	122/0	ACTINA LIFE	44/1	44/4
32/0	132/0	ALBERTSONS	32/5	32/5
98/0	98/0	ALCAN ALUM	30/0	29/6
81/0	376/0	ALCO STAND	25/5	25/5
26/0	27/0	AM. CYANAM	49/1	49/0
92/4	92/4	AM ELEY HD	28/6	28/6
4/4	4/4	AM. HOM PRO	75/2	75/4
00/0	100/0	AM. HOM PRO	79/5	79/7
70/0	70/0	AM. STANDARD	0	77/2
81/0	82/0	AM. STORES	51/4	51/4
448/0	343/0	AM TEL-TEL	27/0	27/0
59/0	260/0	AMCO CORP	76/1	76/1
75/0	74/0	AMP INC	46/5	46/5
06/0	305/0	AMPC PITT	13/4	13/4
44/0	343/0	AMR CORP	44/6	44/1
60/0	60/0	AMR GEN CO	30/0	30/1
34/0	433/0	AMERADA NE	28/2	28/2
12/0	12/0	ANTHROP ELE	12/6	12/7
15/6	14/4	APACOR INC	7/6	7/6
98/0	188/0	APACHE PET	36/5	36/5
78/0	78/0	ARMSTRONG	36/5	36/4
01/0	100/0	ASHLAND OIL	68/1	67/7
15/0	15/0	ASIA PACIFIC	6/3	6/4
69/0	170/0	ATLS CORP	34/5	34/4
11/0	11/4	AVERY INT	22/5	22/6
48/0	148/0	AVNET INC	24/2	24/2
81/0	280/0	AVON PRODS	23/7	23/6
14/0	215/0	BCE INC	30/6	30/5
04/0	204/0	BELLSOUTH	41/7	41/5
03/0	130/0	BELO CO P	28/2	28/2
00/0	300/0	BETH STEEL	19/5	19/4
13/0	410/0	BEVERLY	4/6	4/7
13/0	313/0	BNK BOSTON	26/7	27/0
20/0	120/0	BNK BOST-H	0	49/4
05/0	05/0	BNK NY-YORK	32/4	32/5
00/0	100/0	BNK NY	34/3	34/3
19/0	100/0	BNKAMERICA	10/5	10/5
42/0	112/0	BNKAM SPEC	6/3	6/3
19/0	119/0	BOEING CO	54/7	55/0
04/0	340/0	BOISE CASC	43/1	43/2
47/0	47/0	BORDEN	52/0	52/2
98/0	197/0	BOMETER	32/0	31/7
28/0	28/0	BR TELECOM	0	42/7
15/0	216/0	BRIGGS-STR	30/5	30/6
10/0	10/0	BRIST-MYER	41/6	42/6
27/0	428/0	BRUNSWICK	22/5	22/6
04/0	338/0	BURDICK CP	13/7	13/6
26/0	27/0	C 3 INC	10/7	10/6
27/0	428/0	CABOT CORP	37/3	37/2
56/0	156/0	CAESARS MO	26/6	26/6
52/0	252/0	CA FREIGHT	23/0	23/0
07/0	15/0	CAS NAT GS	14/4	14/5
48/0	148/0	CAS-COPEE	27/0	27/0
10/0	10/0	CATERPILL TR	63/0	63/0
04/0	104/0	CB I IND	29/0	28/6
20/0	118/0	CDI CORP	18/0	18/0
76/0	375/0	CENTEL CP	48/2	47/1
76/0	95/0	CHAMP INTL	33/6	33/6
		CHAMP SPA	12/2	12/3

CP	5/0	5/0	MUSIL UTIL	
EN CARP	12	12	MUSKANTA	
EN DATA	3/3	3/3	MONTANA PO	
EN DYNICS	52/5	52/5	MORGAN JP	
EN ELECT	42/4	42/2	MORT THIO	
EN HOST	10/7	10/6	MOTOKOLA	
EN HOUSE		0 7/5	MURSH-HOLEN	
EN INSTR	37/0	36/2	MURPHY	
EN KILLS	47/7	47/7	NAT INTERG	
EN MOTORS	76/1	76/2	NBI CORP	
EN SIGNAL	51/7	51/5	NEC CORP	
ENCORP	18/3	18/1	NEW ENG EL	
ENETECH	27/0	27/0	NEW ERA RE	
ENGINE PA	37/0	37/6	NIELSON CO	
EN P47-80		0 75/7	NEWMONT MI	
ENRGI-PAC	38/5	38/4	NEWMAT GLD	
ENRBL FR CL	3/4	3/4	NI MONA-10	
ENROR MAR	1/1	1/2	NI MONY-72	
ENOLDEN MUG	14/2	14/1	NICOLET IN	
ENODRICH	51/3	51/3	NICOR INC	
ENODDYER	63/7	63/6	NI INDS	
ENOLD INC	14/7	14/7	NOBLE APT	
ENODE MR	26/3	26/3	NORD RESOU	
ENRINGER	65/2	65/0	NORTHROP	
ENRYKON	30/2	30/1	NORTON	
ENRUBIN	20/0	20/0	NOVO IND	
ENRUS-C	12/6	12/7	NUCOR CORP	
ENR-VESTN	43/1	43/1	OAK INDS	
ENRILBURTH	31/7	31/6	OCC PETRCP	
ENLAWOOD	16/4	16/5	OCEAN DRILL	
ENANNIA MIN	27/4	27/4	ODGEN CORP	
ENARRIS CP	28/2	28/3	OH ED CO	
ENARTMARK	26/3	26/2	OHIO MATT	
ENCLIA MIN	16/0	15/7	OLIN CORP	
ENRINZ NA	41/6	42/0	OMNISCARE	
ENR-CLAYNE	34/4	34/3	OPIN PICT	
ENR CURTIS	23/2	23/2	ORINE MCB	
ENR-GRULES	45/4	46/2	PAIN	
ENR-SSSTON	0	3/7	PARKHOLE	
ENR-LM-PACK	56/5	56/6	PARK ELECT	
ENR-KXCEL CP	33/3	33/1	PARKER DR	
ENR-LLMBRND	32/4	32/6	PARKER NAM	
ENR-LTN HTLS	91/4	91/6	PATRYC PET	
ENR-TATCHI	110/0	109/7	PATYSS CSN	
ENRISTKE MIN	16/2	16/2	PULLMAN CO	
ENR-YY-HARRN	17/4	17/6	PC INDS-96	
ENR-LIDAY C	25/6	26/0	PENN CENTR	
ENR-DEPOT	25/1	25/3	PENNAULT	
ENR-INE FCTR	23/7	23/5	PENNZOIL	
ENR-INDIA HDS	134/7	134/7	PEOPLES EN	
ENR-INDIA HDS	71/4	70/6	PEPSICO	
ENR-LOUGHTN M	36/2	36/2	PFIZER	
ENR-LUSTON IN	31/4	31/3	PHILIPS DOD	
ENR-MAGNES SUP	26/2	26/1	PHILIP MCR	
ENR-MANNA INC	27/4	27/5	PHILLIPS PE	
ENR-M	112/7	112/5	PILLSBURY	
ENR-INDUST	33/2	33/4	PINNACLE W	
ENR-PHARMA	7/0	7/0	PITN-BOWES	
ENR-LPAR CO	17/6	17/6	PITTSO	
ENR-ICO LTD	30/5	30/4	POLAROID	
ENRGRSLD-RA	41/5	41/5	PORLIND GE	
ENR-LTIL MINER	44/3	44/6	PRIME CONC	
ENR-PPF PLOT	31/0	31/0	PRIME INDS	
ENR-PRK 8-5	0	0/2	PRIMERICA	
ENR-ROBINSON	39/2	39/4	PROCTER-GAM	
ENR-ROBINSON-JNS	73/4	73/4	PSBLO INTL	
ENR-SART CP	34/0	33/7	PULTE	
ENR-SALV ALM	17/5	17/6	PULTE BOME	

79/36	SCOTTYS	12/7	13/0
35/33	SE BANK CO	25/4	23/3
36/0	SEAGRAN CO	52/7	52/3
40/6	SEAGULL EN	12/5	12/4
48/1	SEALED AIR	43/3	43/1
53/2	SEARS ROE	35/1	35/1
31/6	SERV CORP	21/4	21/7
18/4	SA STH PAC	16/5	16/5
4/4	SIRSN HUTT	18/1	18/2
60/5	SHELL TRAN	76/5	76/4
21/5	SHER PLOW	53/0	52/7
14/3	SMITH INT	10/0	9/7
38/4	SMITHK BEC	53/0	53/1
39/1	SNAP ON TL	42/4	42/6
43/6	SOURCE CAP	36/2	36/3
57/4	SOUTHERN	23/4	23/1
74/6	SPERRY	12/6	12/6
12/2	SQUARE D	53/6	54/0
28/5	SQUIBB	64/4	64/2
7/0	STALEY AE		
12/5	STEVENS JP	68/0	68/1
9/6	SUN CO	59/4	59/4
29/2	SUNOSTRAND	53/6	53/6
54/5	SUNSH MIN	4/6	4/5
28/5	SUPER VAL	20/5	20/5
37/6	SOUTHWEST	17/2	17/3
1/2	SV GAS	20/0	20/0
26/5	SUN BELL	37/7	37/7
19/6	TANDY CORP	46/2	46/0
28/1	TDK	70/0	68/2
18/1	TECO ENERG	0	22/7
15/0	TEKTRONIX	24/7	25/0
48/7	TELETYPE	339/2	338/6
7/0	TELEX CORP	48/1	48/3
16/0	TERADYN	16/1	15/7
2/5	TEX AMER B	1/7	1/6
24/5	TEX EAS TR	26/2	26/1
17/0	TEKACO	50/2	50/6
4/1	TEXAS INST	41/0	41/0
35/1	TEXAS INXT	45/1	45/0
3/5	TEXPONS	23/2	23/2
22/1	THOMSON HED	0	18/5
5/3	TIDEMASTER	6/0	6/1
87/0	TIGER INT	14/7	14/7
23/7	TINKEN	79/1	79/1
64/6	TORCHMARK	31/1	30/7
74/2	TOSCO	3/0	3/0
18/6	TOYS R US	35/6	35/7
37/0	TRANSAHER	33/6	33/6
52/5	TRANSCO EN	25/5	25/5
4/7	TRANSCO EX	6/3	6/2
85/3	TRAVELLERS	35/3	35/3
17/3	TRINITY IN	35/6	35/7
37/5	TW CORP	17/1	17/0
23/2	TRANSWORLD	34/2	34/3
43/7	UAL CORP	85/0	84/3
14/3	UTO BRAND	17/0	17/0
35/2	UTO TECH	37/7	37/7
23/2	UNILEVER	55/3	54/4
16/2	UNION CAMP	33/4	33/4
37/2	UNION CARB	19/3	19/4
25/2	US SHOE	17/4	17/5
77/2	USK CP.	31/6	31/6
26/1	US WEST	5/0	5/0
19/0	U	8/0	32/7
	VALERO EN	3/4	8/5

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	INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-Y
FT 300	1464.4	1442.8	1439.6	1386.7	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1021.8	1021.5	1020.0	986.7	957.7
FT ALL SHR	934.42	934.42	932.77	896.75	870.22
FT GOV SEC	89.43	89.50	89.60	91.03	88.49
FT GOLD MN	232.1	224.0	224.5	237.3	302.1
FT NINES F	511.67	511.67	512.20	432.96	450.65
FT OIL	1820.2	1820.2	1811.7	1768.7	1663.6
FT MLD DLR	128.47	129.04	127.40	128.44	115.04
FT MLD STG	105.82	104.89	102.73	101.83	90.79
FT MLD LOC	113.64	113.46	111.91	112.29	99.08

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U.K. SHARES STEADY IN LATE AFTERNOON BUSINESS
LONDON, JUNE 3. REUTER'S SHARES WERE STEADY IN AFTERNOON BUSINESS, SHADOWING THE EARLY TREND ON WALL STREET TODAY AFTER EARLY GAINS ON NEW BID DEVELOPMENTS WERE ERODED, DEALERS SAID.
ACRE OIL WAS UP 17P TO 217 AFTER A HIGH OF 221 AFTER BRITISH GAS MADE A 370 MLN STG AGREED OFFER FOR THE COMPANY. BRITISH GAS WAS 2P FIRMER AT 173 AND LATER SAID IT HAD OVER 50 PCT OF THE GUYANA MADE A 102 MLN STG AGREED BID FOR AMARI, UP 34P TO 267.
THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS UP 8.7 POINTS TO 1,819 AT 1430 GMT, FINDING FRESH DEMAND AS THE NEW TRADING ACCOUNT GOT UNDERWAY. THE INDEX HAD EARLIER TODAY TOUCHED A HIGH OF 1,822 AFTER THE EARLY BID NEWS BROUGHT IN BUYERS, DEALERS SAID.
A NEAR ELEVEN DLR JUMP IN THE BULLION PRICE TO AN AFTERNOON FIXING OF 464.70 DLR AN OUNCE FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE TRIGGERED DOUBLE FIGURE GAINS AMONG THE GOLD-RELATED ISSUES. CONSOLID JUMPED 30P TO 1,034, RTZ 16P TO 434 AND LOHNOH 12P TO 300.
CONCERN THAT INFLATION MIGHT BEGIN TO ACCELERATE AMID RISING COMMODITY PRICES AND THE RISE IN GOLD SALES BY THE GOLD PRODUCERS SAW VAAI REEFS RISE 4.6 DLR TO 92.17 DLR.
SOME 11.5 MLN SHARES IN LOHNOH HAD CHANGED HANDS BY THE LATE AFTERNOON WITH VOLUME SQUELLED BY RUMOURS RTZ MIGHT BID FOR IT. ANALYSTS SAID THEY KNEW OF THE RUMOURS BUT WERE HIGHLY SCEPTICAL ABOUT A BID APPROACH FROM RTZ.

London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 3, REUTER - GOLD BULLION HAD BEGUN TO SETTLE DOWN IN A NEW HIGHER TRADING RANGE BY THE CLOSE WHEN IT STOOD 464.50/465.00 DLRS AN OUNCE, DEALERS SAID.

THE CLOSE WAS LITTLE CHANGED FROM THE AFTERNOON FIX OF 464.70 OR MORNING SETTING OF 464.85, BUT WAS SHARPLY ABOVE THURSDAY'S CLOSE OF 453.75/454.25.

U.S. SILVER TRADERS AND CARRIED INTO GOLD SAW THE METAL PEAK ABOVE 467 DLRS OUTSIDE EUROPEAN TRADING HOURS. A BOUT OF PROFIT-TAKING JUST BEFORE LONDON OPENED LED TO AN INITIAL RANGE OF 462.20/462.70 BUT GOLD SOON BEGAN TO MOVE HIGHER AGAIN AMID INFLATION FEARS.

London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 3, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES EDGE DOWN FROM THE HIGHS TOWARD THE CLOSE AS BRITISH AUTHORITIES WITHSTOOD MARKET PRESSURE FOR ANOTHER 1/2 POINT RISE IN BASE RATES AND STERLING HELD STEADY AROUND 3.10 MARKS, DEALERS SAID.

THE KEY THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE HAD BEEN PUSHED UP 5/16 POINT TO NINE 8-7/8 PCT AT MIDDAY BUT GRADUALLY DRIFTED DOWN TO 8-7/8 3/4 WHEN THE RATE NIXE FAILED TO APPEAR.

HOWEVER, RATES STILL DISCOUNT AT LEAST A FURTHER 1/2 POINT RISE AND WHILE DEALERS WERE PREDICTING A RESUMPTION OF THE UPWARD PRESSURE NEXT WEEK, THEY RECOGNISED IT WOULD BE STERLING'S PERFORMANCE THAT WOULD DECIDE THE MATTER.

	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR	-----	1.7985/95	1.7240/50	5.8320/40	OP
STG	1.7980/90	-----	3.1000/40	10.4860/6990	FI
DMK	1.7213/7293	3.097/110	-----	29.47/63	NO
FFR	5.8270/8390	10.4810/6990	338. 02/66	-----	FI
NFL	1.4355/4365	5.5819/5852	83.27-38	24.61/64	FI
SFR	1.9360	3.2485	112.30	33.18	FI
ECU	1.20289	0.668827	2.07413	7.93734	CL
SDR	1.35782	0.752047	N/A	17.93314	CL
YEN	125.80/88	226.16/47	-----	-----	NO
SRD	ROTE	02/06/88	OTHERS	03/06/1988	

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices


INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-TA
AUSTRIA	316.3	316.2	278.4	259.3
AUSTRIA	202.4	202.4	203.5	215.4
BELGIUM	366.6	364.6	362.0	260.2
CANADA	360.5	357.7	354.5	350.7
DENMARK	411.0	415.3	414.9	336.6
FRANCE	349.3	351.1	347.0	288.5
GERMANY	170.0	170.0	167.7	156.6
HONG KONG	1848.1	1822.9	1807.2	1644.3
FINLAND	118.6	117.9	117.7	108.1
ITALY	382.8	375.8	366.1	377.4
JAPAN	1259.4	1251.1	1236.1	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	242.5	242.4	238.5	215.9
NEW ZEAL	98.7	98.0	96.9	98.9
NORWAY	472.0	467.5	463.5	392.4
SPORE	583.5	579.0	573.7	473.1
SPAIN	258.0	258.0	252.8	209.5
SWEDEN	921.6	928.3	918.7	697.3
SMITZ	150.8	150.0	148.7	140.7
U.K.	541.8	540.5	534.9	516.7
U.S.A.	244.4	245.1	236.0	215.0
WORLD	451.7	453.8	448.2	408.0
E.A.F.E.	857.8	861.5	852.7	757.5

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Wall Street Statistics * Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
NEW ENGLAN	23 5/8	+ 2		DOME PETE	1 1/16	-	1/32
PEN PUR LT	37 1/8	-	1/8	ECMO BAY	23 5/8	+	1/4
SAN DIEGO	33 7/8	-	1/8	WANG LAB B	11 1/8		UNCH
CIGNA CORP	47 1/2	-	1/4	AMRAIL CP	47 1/8	-	3/8
CRI INDS	28 1/8	-	5/8	LOREHAM TIE	13 1/4	+	1/4
SCANA CORP	33 1/4		UNCH	COMP CONS	8 1/8	+	1/4
ABBOTT LAB	45	- 2		TEXAS AIR	10 5/8		UNCH
NAVISTAR	6 1/2		UNCH	DANSON OIL	30 3/32		UNCH
TEXACO	50 3/4	+	1/8	ORGANOGENE	20 1/8	+	1 1/2
ATT	26 7/8	-	1/8	NS GROUP	13 1/4	-	1/4
NYSE LARGEST	PER CENT	CHANGE		AMEX LARGEST	PER CENT	CHANGE	
BARRY WIRT	18 5/8	+ 2 1/8		PICO PROD	2 5/8	+	3/8
NEW ENGLAN	23 5/8	+ 2		SHAER SHOE	15	+	1 1/2
UTD STK	6 1/4	+	1/2	OKC LTD	5 1/8	+	1/2
INTL TECH	2 5/8	-	1/4	CAP PROP I	21	-	2 1/2
PORTKAT	4 5/8	-	3/8	BRISTOL SC	12	-	1 1/4
NYSE VOLUME	111,916,900			AMEX VOLUME	4,633,710		
STOCKS UP	368			STOCKS UP	213		
STOCKS DOWN	552			STOCKS DOWN	194		
2-JUL NASDAQ VOLUME	125,748,300						
STOCK UP 463							
STOCK DOWN 463							

Wall Street Market Report

New York, June 3, Reuters — Firming bond prices in late morning helped stocks recover some of their earlier losses to stand marginally higher at midday. Traders said the market had drifted within a narrow range after nonfarm payrolls came in at the lower end of most forecasts and buoyed stocks.

Traders also noted that the upward revision in the April nonfarm payroll rise to 249,000 from a previously reported 174,000 may have offset the lower May number. The Dow was up three at 2056, after alternatively rising and falling. Gainers led decliners narrowly. Some profit-taking after the week's two-day 108 point gain dampened advances.

analysts said.

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KD deposit rates tumble

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates tumbled on Thursday as banks sold dollars, boosting dinar liquidity.

The rates climbed on Wednesday as banks scrambled to cover a KD100 million issue of three-month treasury bills, but had already begun to fall back late in the day.

Thursday's overnight business plunged to two per cent from ten per cent on Wednesday while tomorrow-next fell to four per cent from 5-1/2 per cent on Wednesday, dealers said.

Spot-next offers fell to three per cent from five per cent early in the day, while the one week deal at 5-1/4 per cent from Wednesday's six, five per cent levels.

The one-month maturity slipped to six, 5-3/4 per cent from opening levels of 6-1/4, six per cent while two and three-month funds were quoted at 6-5/16, 1/16 per cent after dealing at 6-1/4 per cent.

Six-month and one-year periods were unchanged from Wednesday at 6-1/2, 1/4 per cent and 6-5/8, 3/8 per cent, respectively.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate eased to 0.2760/12 to the dollar from Wednesday's 0.2757/80, while commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.2760/15.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi rial interbank deposits traded barely changed in a dull Thursday market, with demand for short-dated funds keeping the broader market relatively firm.

Dealers reported spot-next trading as high as 7-1/4, seven per cent after quotes of five, 4-1/2 on Wednesday, with banks in Saudi Arabia actively seeking funds.

That demand may have prevented longer-dated rial maturities from easing on the back of a lower opening to Eurodollar deposit rates in Europe.

Traders said US interest rates seem to have developed a softer tone following economic data suggesting the American economy is not growing as quickly as forecast.

In fixed-dated maturities, one-month funds were indicated barely changed at 7-1/4, 1/8 per cent, with some rates 1/16 point lower than Wednesday. But three-months was unchanged at 7-9/16, 7/16 and six months held at 7-13/16, 11/16.

British Gas bids for Acre Oil

LONDON, June 3. (Reuters): British Gas Plc announced a £370 million (\$676 million) friendly takeover bid today for Acre Oil Plc, Britain's third-largest independent oil explorer and producer.

British Gas, which dominates domestic and industrial gas supply in Britain, said in a statement it now controlled 50.3 per cent of the company's issued share capital.

The statement said the takeover, recommended by the Acre board, was an important step in British Gas's expansion of operations in Britain and offshore in the North Sea.

A British Gas spokesman said Acre would provide oil production facilities to complement its gas extraction.

Acre said two-thirds of its business was in oil and one third in gas with one and four oil platforms operating in the North Sea.

"We're also exploring several other fields that could become very productive in the next four or five years," an Acre spokesman said.

"The British Gas offer was a good one. We didn't think there was any more money out there than that," he added.

The takeover came just months after the Scottish-based oil exploration and production company Britoil Plc was taken over by British Petroleum Plc following a bitter battle for control. Britoil announced today it would cease trading under its name from June 14.

SBICAP delegation to brief NRIs

A SENIOR delegation headed by D. Basu, managing director, SBI Capital Markets Ltd., (SBICAP), including H.P. Rana, one of India's foremost tax-consultants will be holding a conference on investments at Banquet Hall, Hotel Meridien, Kuwait at 7.30 pm on June 5 and another conference for NRIs will be held at Hotel Sheraton at 7.00 pm on June 6.

SBICAP is a wholly owned subsidiary of State Bank of India engaged in merchant banking and leasing. SBICAP became operational on August 1, 1986 and within this short period of its existence it has already established its leadership in the field of its services.

Of course, it has at its back more than 15 years' experience of State Bank of India in merchant banking and the strength of the bank's vast resources and an unparalleled network of branches.

Dollar weakens slightly

Inflation talk sends gold, silver higher

LONDON, June 3. (Reuters): Gold and silver prices rose to their highest in several months today because of concern about inflation in the United States, bullion dealers said.

Gold touched \$466 an ounce, its highest since late January. Silver soared to a six-month high of \$7.30.

Bullion operators judge that, if inflation does take hold, precious metals will again be in traditional demand as a safe store of wealth even as the value of other investments slips.

Tension

Current prices are still way below all-time peaks. Gold reached \$850 in January 1980 during tension over the fate of US hostages held in Iran and in a time of high inflation after the 1979 oil price "shock."

But soybean, grain and base metal prices have risen sharply lately, reinforcing fears of inflation.

Aluminium, for instance, much-used in building, has been above \$3,600 a tonne for the first time on good demand in buoyant economic conditions.

Dry weather in the US farm belt is putting up soybean and grain futures in Chicago.

In another pointer to possible inflation, US figures today showed that a average hourly earnings rose in May by 0.7 per cent, after 0.5 per cent in April.

"There is a risk that core inflation is rising," said a US analyst, Charles Lieberman of manufacturers Hanover Securities Corp.

Graham Birch, a bullion expert at Kleinwort Greaveson in London, said silver took off first and dragged gold along.

Silver was fixed at midday in London at \$7.22 an ounce, the first setting above \$7 since November 30.

"There is a lot of silver about and although it might go up further in the short-term it will eventually fall back down again to below \$7," Birch said.

Neil Buxton of broker Shearson Lehman Hutton also said silver would probably eventually slip back.

The outlook for gold may be more promising as it seems to have established a new higher trading range.

A fairly tight supply/demand balance has also helped gold, with good buying evident for customers in Asia.

Gold, which closed in London at \$464.75 an ounce, had twice failed last week to break above \$462.

Behind

Shearson's Buxton said it now looked to have moved up into a \$462-475 range, from 450-462 in the last three weeks.

Buxton said platinum, the strongest precious metal in the last few days, may be left behind gold and silver.

Japanese buying took it to a nine-month peak in London of around \$630 on Tuesday. Japanese jewellers particularly favour platinum.

But the Japanese had now turned sellers of platinum.

It nonetheless closed higher in London today at \$610/613 an ounce, up from 601/604 on Thursday.

Meanwhile the dollar weakened slightly and world stock markets were mixed after US investors had yesterday cashed in some of their gains from an earlier rally on Wall Street.

"It was normal profit-taking — not a surprise," said John Burnett, a trader at Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette in New York after the Dow Jones Industrial Average ended yesterday 12 points down at 2,052.45.

Soared

The Dow had soared 108 points in the previous two sessions as fears of higher inflation and a possible rise in US interest rates to damp it down had receded somewhat.

But takeover activity helped London's FTSE index of 100 blue chips up seven points to around 1,817 by Europe's late morning.

The new surge in gold and other precious metals was driven by gains in soybean futures prices in Chicago on Thursday.

Eroded

These rallied because of dry weather in the US Midwest farm belt and market talk the Soviet Union bought a large amount of South American soybean meal.

The surge in grain prices ignited inflation fears in the New York metals market.

Operators judge that, if inflation does take hold, precious

metals will be in demand again as a safe store of wealth even as the value of other investments is eroded.

Among currencies, new selling hit the pound sterling and took it below 3.10 West German marks and \$1.80. The dollar was easier against Japan's currency, worth around 125.50 yen. It was fetching just above 1.72 marks.

In Tokyo, share prices dropped in active trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange as institutional investors sat on the fence awaiting US employment figures, brokers said.

The Nikkei index fell 47.82 points to 27,827.54, after advancing 165.45 yesterday to a record closing of 27,869.36.

Trading volume was heavy at two billion shares against Thursday's 1.9 billion.

Drop

The drop came after prices fell yesterday on Wall Street following its biggest two-day gain since October. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 11.56 points to close at 2,052.45.

"There's not much interest in main-line issues, but there is lots of interest in low-priced speculative stocks (among individuals)," said Bank of Tokyo-touché remnant broker Michael Cutbill.

The dollar in Tokyo was steady against the yen but slightly firmer against the West German mark in quiet trading. It closed at 126.11 yen and 1.7225/30 marks against 126.15/20 and 1.7205/10 in New York.

Brokers, communications, electrical, retail and machinery shares fell.

Credit-lease, pharmaceutical, electric power, gas, oil, shipping, construction, mining and pulp-paper issues firmed.

Reaction

Most institutions sat out the session in anticipation of Wall Street's reaction to the release of US May employment figures, brokers said.

Low unemployment could mean an overheated economy, and lead to higher interest rates and lower stock prices. Related uncertainty over the yen's immediate direction was another disincentive to institutions, brokers said.

In the late Asian afternoon, gold was trading at about \$462.50 per ounce, against New York's strong closing levels of 466.30/80 yesterday.

Sydney's stock exchange closed sharply higher today 15.7 points at 1579.1.

Strength

Brokers said the market's strength mainly lay in the resources sector following a surge of nearly \$10 in international gold bullion prices yesterday.

"The market's performance today was unquestionably on the back of the rise in gold prices," one Sydney dealer said. "But it hasn't performed quite as strongly during the afternoon as we would have expected."

Stock prices rose on the Hong Kong stock exchange.

Trading always heavy on West China's biggest bourse

KASHGAR, China, June 3. (Reuters): While the stock exchanges of London, New York and Tokyo sleep, trading is always heavy on West China's biggest bourse — the Kashgar Sunday Market.

Like Wall Street, the remote oasis trading floor suffers from insider dealing, evasions of commission and lack of disclosure.

But the bulls are always in evidence, along with a camel or two — and bears have never yet been spotted.

Frenetic

The 60,000 traders and peasants who pour into the market every Sunday do not deal in stocks and shares. But just about every other commodity available in this inaccessible region changes hands in a day of frenetic business.

The ancient market is the lifeblood of the backward economy of South-West Xinjiang, geographically and culturally distant from Beijing and inhabited mostly by devout central Asian Muslims.

Merchants arrive before dawn to grab plum market sites. Late-

coming businessmen are trapped in traffic jams of mulecarts outside.

Inside the walled market area, veiled women squat on the dust to sell bloody, freshly-severed sheep's heads.

Biggest

Aggressive salesmen offer everything from camels to sewing needles, carpets, Muslim prayer hats, and probably the world's biggest selection of battered second-hand shoes, for around 30 fen (eight US cents) a pair.

But Kashgar's movers and shakers congregate in the livestock ring, a dusty compound the size of a football pitch where buyers and sellers risk fortunes and reputations haggling over sheep, cattle, horses and camels.

Secrecy is the key to success. "You must never let anyone except your customer know how much you sold your animal for. Otherwise everyone will know how much they can push your price down," said a bull merchant.

So story-faced dealers negotiate with inaudible whispers, nods and handshakes, as others loiter nearby in a blatant attempt to eavesdrop.

The market is more open than it used to be, however. One 19th-century Western traveller described Kashgar merchants thrusting their hands up each other's sleeves and communicating bids by pinching each other.

Few venture into the livestock market without employing professional help, in the form of a freelance negotiator paid a commission of perhaps 10 yuan (\$2.7) on the sale of a 500 yuan (\$135) horse.

Flounder

"You need a go-between to represent you because he can talk very beautifully. He will try hard to make both sides agree to a price so he can get his commission," a market-goer explained.

"But it is complicated. Sometimes the go-between is being paid by both sides, so you cannot trust him."

Honest or not, the professional negotiators mark a successful deal by stepping the ground and swearing by "Allah's holy earth."

Without an intermediary the inexperienced can flounder.

"Why are you selling this horse?" a prospective customer asked Tursun, a peasant farmer hoping to get rid of a scraggy-looking farm animal.

"I have two horses and I only need one," Tursun claimed.

The customer looked sceptical, yanked open the animal's mouth and began inspecting its teeth.

The livestock ring is equipped with a short track where customers can test-ride horses, which occasionally hurdle off course and send the crowds scattering.

Its crumbling wall is also the point where sellers of small trinkets sneak in illegally to avoid paying the Kashgar authorities' one-yuan (27 US cents) fee for stall-holders.

China's far west suffered in the ultra-left cultural revolution (1966-76) both from religious persecution and the banning of "capitalist" business — an era symbolised by the statue of Mao Tseung which still looms over Kashgar.

The Sunday market then shrank in importance as private ownership of livestock was banned and prices strictly regulated.

But since Maoist agricultural policies were abandoned in the late 1970s, the local economy has been bullish enough to produce a handful of yuan millionaires, according to local residents.

Beijing has ruled Kashgar and its free-wheeling economy with an especially tight hand since violent anti-Chinese rebellions by Muslims erupted in the early 1980s.

Crooks

One result is a thriving street trade in marijuana, strictly illegal but apparently tolerated by local police.

And financial scandals have surfaced. One, involving a merchant from neighbouring Pakistan is in jail for alleged fraud in a wholesale carpet deal, involving the use of fake passports.

As on Wall Street, the big crooks sometimes escape. One source said the Pakistani was innocent and had been duped by a colleague who had long since fled over the border.

African bank boosts soft loan arm

ABIDJAN, June 3. (Agencies): The African Development Bank agreed today to pump more than \$3 billion into a fund which lends on easy terms to Africa's poorest countries.

Japan and the United States made the largest contributions. The loans will go mainly for environmental projects, housing and other social programmes.

ADB President Babacar N'Diaye told the bank's annual meeting that members had voted to increase the resources of the African Development Fund — the arm of the bank which lends to the poorest countries at concessional interest rates.

Increase

The amount of the replenishment, which follows a 200 per cent increase in ADB capital last year, was 2.25 billion bank units of account, equivalent to about \$3.15 billion.

"This constitutes a major step forward in the history of the bank group and should, if properly implemented, offer a significant contribution to the development efforts of African countries," a delegate said.

Japan provided about 15 per cent of the total or about \$390 million. The United States pledged \$315 million.

But the outgoing chairman of

the ADB board of governors, Salah El-Din Hamed of Egypt, said the replenishment may not meet the needs of African countries under present conditions.

"The larger part will be directed towards financing environment projects, housing and social programmes," he added.

The ADB was granting about \$1 million to support research on AIDS being conducted in Zaire, N'Diaye said.

Allocate

The Nigeria Trust Fund, another section of the bank group, will allocate up to \$3 million to refurbish Africa Hall in Addis Ababa, the headquarters of the Organisation of African Unity, he added.

Meanwhile, the president of the ADB gave guarded support yesterday to the US announcement to withdraw its opposition to concessions on debt payments for some Third World countries.

The decision, which was announced on Wednesday, was a step closer to what the poorest developing countries needed, but "it was not the most satisfactory solution," ADB president Babacar N'Diaye said in an interview.

US Treasury Secretary James A. Baker announced the policy

change in an address to the annual meeting of the ADB board of governors, of which the United States is a member. He said the United States would no longer oppose concessional arrangements between Paris Club creditors and the "poorest of the poor" nations on extending debt interest rate payments.

The Paris Club represents bilateral creditor governments.

The US announcement was praised by Nigel Lawson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer. Last year, Lawson suggested creditor countries agree to measures to relieve the debt burden on the poorest African countries, including lowering interest rates. Lawson said he hopes an agreement on his initiative will be made at the June summit in Toronto of the seven major industrialised nations.

Baker, however, made it clear the United States could not grant concessions itself because of budgetary constraints under US law.

Sympathetic

N'Diaye said, "I hope the US will do more, but I know of the legislative constraints in the US and I know the (Reagan) administration is sympathetic to the African cause."

Africa's total debt is estimated

to be \$218 billion, and the continent's overall economy during the 1980s has experienced its worst decline in post-independence history.

The ADB's annual economic report on Africa registered Africa's 1987 gross domestic product at only 0.8 per cent.

N'Diaye added there is concern about a fear in the Reagan administration that if more concessions are made to Africa, the United States will be forced to make broad concessions on debt repayments from countries in other regions of the world.

N'Diaye asserted Africa's debt problems have unique causes and must not be considered with other regions. He noted environmental problems aggravated by drought have helped cause the current economic decline.

Lukewarm

In his own speech on Wednesday to the board of governors N'Diaye said, "Africa's debt, and that of low-income Africa in particular, will have to be addressed in a unique and generous way if there is to be any prospect of recovery and growth in the continent."

Many delegates to the meeting, who were interviewed after Baker's speech, also gave a lukewarm reception to the announcement.

Malaysia's trade surplus falls

KUALA LUMPUR, June 3. (AP): Malaysia's trade surplus for February amounted to 770 million ringgits (\$298 million), down from 1,080 million ringgits (\$418 million) in January and 960 million ringgits (\$372 million) in February 1987, the government said today.

The statistics department said exports in February totalled 3.77 billion ringgits (\$1.46 billion), compared with 4.07 billion ringgits (\$1.57 billion) in January and 3.12 billion ringgits (\$1.2 billion) in February last year.

Imports, at 3 billion ringgits (\$1.16 billion), were higher in February than the 2.99 billion ringgits (\$1.16 billion) in February last year.

mouth of the Amazon river. The area later was reduced by half but still covers nearly all of Marajo island.

Brazil, an oil importer, in 1975 opened vast areas of its territory to risk exploration and signed scores of contracts with national and foreign companies. The only commercial strike was by Pecten, a subsidiary of the Shell Oil Company, which discovered gas in the Santos Basin off the Southeast Atlantic coast.

News of the Texaco discovery caused an outbreak of "oil fever" here.

"Marajo may have super oil field," read the banner headline in Wednesday editions of O Globo. The respected newspaper O Estado De Sao Paulo said in a headline, "Discovery of super well announced."

However, the Rio newspaper O Globo quoted Texaco's director for Latin America, Robert Harper, as saying, "We have found traces, signs of oil deposits in the layers our drill could reach. We haven't yet found petroleum."

Petrobras said the discovery was made at 18,120 feet (5,490 metres), when most technicians had given up on the well as a dry hole.

The signs of oil were the first in 17 wells drilled on Marajo island since exploration there began in the 1960s, Pinto said.

The next step, the spokesman said, is to drill deeper and test the well's output.

The contract, signed in 1984, allowed Texaco to explore 56,000 square miles (140,000 square kilometres) near the

Rajiv to seek W. German investment on 4-nation tour

NEW DELHI, June 3. (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi hopes to enlist West German investment for India's modernisation drive during a four-nation tour beginning this week.

Rajiv leaves New Delhi tomorrow for Syria, West Germany, the United States and Hungary, with his main emphasis to seek investment capital on a two-day West German visit from June 6.

A West German embassy spokesman in New Delhi said Rajiv will deliver a major address to a group consisting mainly of businessmen and also meet the country's top industrialists.

Address

Vehicle manufacturer Daimler-Benz, already collaborating with an Indian company, and telecommunications giant Siemens will be among the German firms approached by Rajiv.

India's two-way trade with West Germany last year totalled 4.8 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.8 billion).

The two countries also have more than 2,000 joint ventures in India, the largest by any country after the United States and Britain.

Bonn's ambassador to New Delhi Konrad Seitz told reporters last week the visit will give a "final push" to increased cooperation between the two countries.

Earlier this year, New Delhi hosted a huge exhibition of high-tech industrial products from Germany in which more than 250 companies took part.

The two countries are also expected to sign an agreement on West German assistance of 700 million Deutsche marks (\$411 million) as well as expanding and modernising a steel plant in Rourkela in Orissa state.

Discuss

Rajiv will begin his tour with a two-day visit to Syria to meet President Hafez Al Assad. Official sources in Damascus said the two leaders would discuss the Middle East and bilateral issues.

Rajiv will also visit New York from June 8 to 10 to address a special session of the United Nations General Assembly on disarmament and then fly to Budapest for talks with Hungary's new leader Karoly Grosz.

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Popular choices at the 35th National Film Awards

Well-deserved wins for quality films

EVERY year, the National Film Awards become a target of some controversy or the other. But this year, when they enter their 35th year, the awards seem to have satisfied almost everybody, except some inevitable miss-outs and some aggrieved parties.

The awards were given away last month by the President of India, at a glittering function at Siri Fort film complex in Delhi. The happy occasion was tinged with a sharp note of sadness because of Raj Kapoor's sickness. Though he had just been discharged from a Bombay hospital after a bout of asthma etc, Raj braved the dry heat of Delhi to receive the big honour. But his health could not bear the strain. As his name was to be called the last among the winners, he was feeling very weak and restless. When the name was announced he could not go up on the stage. In a way he was doubly honoured, as the President R. Venkatraman along with Information Minister H.K.L. Bhagat and secretary Gopi Arora came down from the stage and gave him the award. Raj could barely stand up. He collapsed in the chair and was given an oxygen mask. Soon after, he was removed to hospital on a stretcher, which led to his long lingering sickness. How we wish he had not gone to the function.

Strength
The other winners were also present in full strength. Since most of them were deserving ones, they got a lot of applause from the select gathering of the cream of society. Young Assamese director Jahnua Barua got the top-most prize, President's Gold Medal, for his



Raj Kapoor receives his award from the President of India minutes before he collapsed.

"Halodhia Choraye Baodhan Khai," declared as the best film of 1987. Two weeks earlier, when the awards had been announced, there was great rejoicing in Assam and its capital Gauhati. The film maker was received like a hero, as this is the first time an Assamese film won the top award.

There were also murmurs by some that it was a political award, as the ruling party wanted to please the turbulent province, now under the opposition rule. It was also said that Gautam Ghosh's "Mahayatra" deserved the award. But the Assamese film also has a lot of rooted realism and pure strength of characters. The director himself calls it a political film, on how an innocent villager is turned into a pawn on the chess-board.

It was about a farmer whose small paddy field is legally claimed by a landlord. When he enters into a court case, the burden of expenses and bribes ruin his family. Luckily, the landlord is standing for the Assembly election and the opposition uses the farmer's case to spoil his chances. So the corrupt Collector arranges for the farmer to get back his land. He scores a temporary triumph. But then, the landlord will soon win the election and thus exert more political pressure on the helpless citizen.

The silent film "Pushpak" in its Kannada version was awarded as the film with popular and wholesome entertainment. Its hero Kamalhaasan got a double honour, since he was also declared the best actor for the Tamil film "Nayakan." It is a disguised biography of an

alleged smuggler Vardharajan and how he rose from utter poverty to become a mafia Don in Bombay. For a certain section, he was like a noble saviour, till his recent death. Kamal has really given a great performance.

The best actress award went to Archana for another Tamil film "Veddu." Thilakan was the best supporting actor in the Malayalam "Hrithubhedam" and Surekha Sikri got the same for "Tamas." The best child actor was Manjunath in the Malayalam serial "Swamy." Among other popular winners, Asha Bhonsle was named the best playback singer in "Ijazat," for which Gulzar was honoured also as the best lyricist. Yesudas got it as the best male singer for Malayalam film "Unnikale Oru Katha Parayan."

Some of the winners who were interviewed on TV had interesting points to make. Kamalhaasan said it was more a triumph of strong characterisation in a film, aided by make-up and technique. Archana who has done half a dozen films gave all the credit to director Balu Mahendra for explaining every shade.

She was excited about the honour and could not suppress her smiles. The child actor doubted if he liked acting and would make it a future career. Surprisingly, Asha Bhonsle, Gulzar and others were left out by the TV team. But they had got a long touching item from Raj Kapoor, before the function. He remembered the old days and admitted: "all of us are making bad films."

There is a new questionable trend of turning TV serials into films by cutting out some episodes and editing the rest. "Swamy" was shortened from the Malayalam serial and entered in the National Awards. It won the best children's film prize, thus depriving Tapan Sinha's genuine children's movie "Aaj Ka Robinhood."

Then again, "Tamas" was compressed into a 3-hour film and it got the Nargis Dutt award for national integration. Since these are basically made for a different medium, there should be separate TV awards for them. The scheme was promised last year but still not brought into existence.

Directorial talent, old and new is also amply rewarded this year. Adoor Gopalakrishnan once again got it for his new Malayalam film "Anantharam," a young man's account of growing up, first as a child deserted by his mother, then as a brilliant schoolboy who is snubbed and in the second story as a youth fascinated by his brother's young wife.

New director Raja Mitra got the Indira Gandhi award for the Bengali "Eki Jiban," on the lonely struggles of a teacher to compile a Bengali dictionary, while his family perishes in poverty.

A film winning an award was subjected to court cases. The Tamil "One Oru Gramathile" starring Laxmi shows an upper caste girl deliberately taking a false certificate as an untouchable (Dalit) to get a job under the reservation scheme. When she is exposed, it leads to a case.

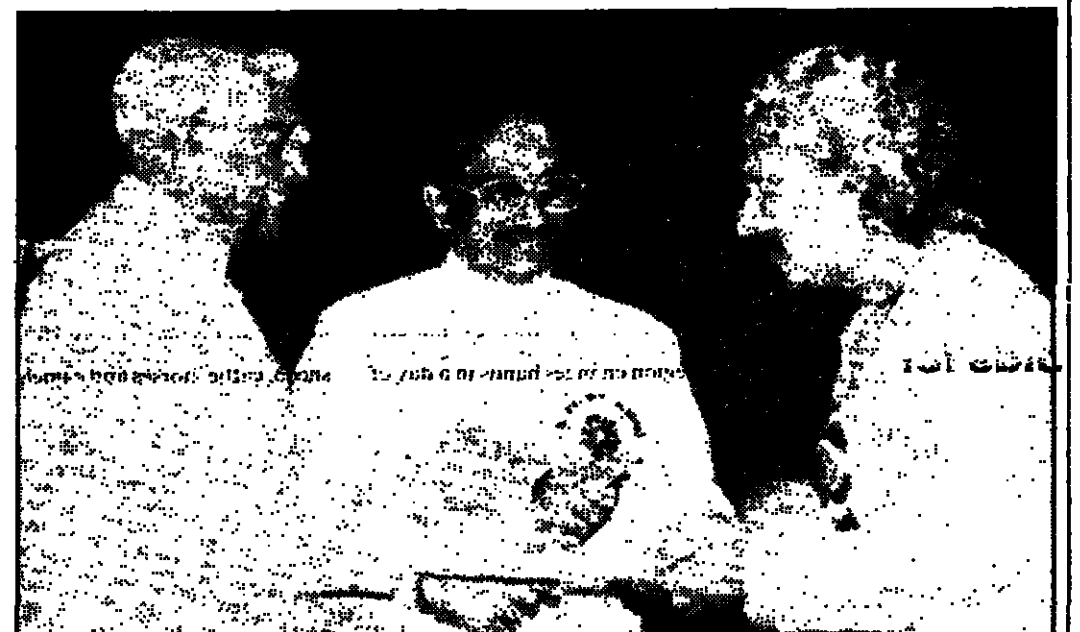


A scene from the Assamese film Halodhia Choraye Baodhan Khai which was declared the best film for 1987.

The real-life litigation was by Dalits who said that the caste issue was distorted and the film made fun of their leader Dr Ambedkar. Another dispute was over the non-feature short film "Bhopal: Beyond Genocide" and "Raaste Bandh Hai Sab." As they were made in 16-mm the state directorate refused to screen them in the festival following the function. But the reason was more political. Anyway there was a comedy of errors. Tapan Bose of the Bhopal film refused the award but his partner Suhasini Muley went up to receive it.



Gulzar (right) is honoured by the President for the lyrics of Ijazat.



Adoor Gopalakrishnan receives his award for the Malayalam film Anantharam.



Kumar with his old baby-sitter, Hayat Bibi. She wasn't impressed with his celebrity status.



Rajendra Kumar takes an evening walk with President Zia-ul-Haq. He seems more accessible than our leaders, said the actor.

Rajendra Kumar returns to his home town after 40 years

Remembrance of things past...

FORTY years ago, he'd fled Sialkot in Pakistan, with just a few old shirts, the trouser he was wearing, and great bitterness.

It was as if his past had been axed in just one night! He wanted to forget like a bad dream.

But then, time heals and softens old memories... The seven-year-old angry youth of yesterday is a mellow man, who's seen life's mercy after its vicissitudes. And he's learnt to forget...

So, when friend and Pakistan film star, Mohammad Ali who had come to India to shoot for Manoj Kumar's Clerk invited him to Pakistan, Rajendra Kumar gladly agreed. And so began the magical journey into the past.

Says Rajendra Kumar, "We've grown up with this sense of hostility between the two countries, but when you meet the ordinary man in Pakistan, you find a lot of warmth — he's like any Indian friend you've known..."

At Sialkot, Rajendra Kumar went to see his old home, it was an old six-storeyed affair, but today, it's been knocked down and a cluster of cottages has come up in its stead.

A face from his childhood had kept returning to him... that of Hayat Bibi, the kindly woman who'd take care of him and his brothers and sisters when they were kids. He didn't think he'd get to meet her, but he asked for her all the same, and they brought her to him. Her eyesight was failing her,

but she remembered him and crushed him to her, then because she couldn't see her "Minder" (as she called him), she felt his face and gave a happy toothless smile.

When neighbours told her that the little boy had become a big celebrity in India, she wasn't much impressed, she was just happy that her boy had returned home if only for a while.

And then she accompanied him to his favourite playground, to the old dargah, under the shadows of which he'd sat as a little boy. Suddenly, it began to rain and as if out of nowhere, came several sheets thrown hurriedly down from the surrounding balconies by the women, and a makeshift

canopy was formed over him in no time.

His old school had gone up in life too! It was a middle school then, and now it's a high school. Here surprisingly, he met an old, old classmate who spent the day in a daze — happens when someone from the distant past just walks in, and acts like he'd never left!

They made a brief trip to Murree where gun-wielding men stood guard, and then of course there were several meetings with President Zia, "who seems more accessible than our own leaders," says the actor with a laugh.

And he returned with an excess baggage of happy memories. And the bitterness? He left it behind on that flight back from Pakistan.



Kumar dazes an old classmate who looks as if he's seen a ghost.



Gun-wielding guards escort Kumar and Pakistani film star Mohammad Ali on a visit to the hill resort of Murree.

Behind the Screen

The craze to enter the Guinness Book of World Records is so strong that people are attempting crazy feats. One official of Overseas Communication Service, Madhusudan Bhide sat down to sing film songs at a stretch, totalling up to one hundred, from morning to night at a hall in Bombay. We hope someone does not belt out 120 songs now.

It is a victory of head over heart. And Ramesh Sippy indeed has a tough head inherited from his father G.P. Sippy. That's why he has kept his beloved Kiran Juneja away from all his home productions, like "Zameen" and "Bhrastachar." But he has quietly included her in the outside film, he is directing, namely "Akeela" for Mushtaq and Riaz. There too she is cast not opposite Amitabh but Aditya. The film already has Amit, Amrita Singh, Jackie Shroff, Meenakshi. So we can imagine what shall be left for poor girl Kiran.

Farha's younger sister Tabbu after going through all kinds of private hell has at last landed a decent role in a decent (so-called) set-up. It is Shekhar Kapoor's "Dushmani" where Sunny will be her hero. But knowing Shekhar's slow and royal ways of working, Tabbu may end up looking like Farha's elder sister when the film is released.

With so much hoo-haa for the TV serial "Ramayan," two adverse incidents came like a breath of fresh air. In Gujarat and some other places, children inspired by Rama-Ravana war, made their own bows and arrows and staged mock battles. Result? Several kids got blinded or severely injured their eyes. At another place, eye specialists doing operations

wanted to leave them and see the serial. They stopped only on being assured that they would be shown video recordings.

Raj Kapoor took the prestigious Phalke award for the second time. The first was on behalf of his father Prithviraj, to whom the national award was given posthumously. Raj went to Delhi and took it from the president. At that time he was in the pink of health and did not know that he would come again for the same award, but in such a bad condition.

At the end of "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak," the new love pair Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla are shown dying in the style of Romeo and Juliet. The girl is shot and the boy stabs himself. But this ending was not liked by the audience and the film showed a drop in collec-



Kiran Juneja (left) with Rishi Kapoor: bypassed by Sippy

tions. Now history may repeat itself by the producer changing it to a happy ending like past films. Some say that he had already shot the alternate ending and kept it ready for an emergency. May the lovers live happily ever after.



Aamir and Juhi in Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak: resurrection by popular demand

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NEW YORK, June 3. (AP) On a double-or-nothing night in the American League, Texas got the doubles and Seattle got nothing.

The Rangers rapped out a season-high 14 hits, including a record-tying seven doubles, three of them by Curtis Wilkerson, who drove in three runs in a 10-2 rout of the Chicago White Sox last night. Five of the doubles accounted for seven runs.

"I want to be out there (every day), but it's up to (manager) Bobby (Valentine)," said Wilkerson, who has been mainly a utility infielder. "I got out and did the job, and the way I'm hitting I want to be in the lineup."

Meanwhile, Kansas City's Ted Power pitched a four-hitter for his first AL shutout and Danny Tartabull homered, leading the Royals to a 3-0 victory over the Mariners. Power needed only 92 pitches, 62 of which were strikes.

Geno Petralli hit his second home run for the season in the Texas second off Melido Perez and an error by third baseman Steve Lyons led to four Texas runs in the fifth, an inning that included RBI doubles by Wilkerson, Pete Incaviglia and Pete O'Brien.

Royals 3, Mariners 0
Ted Power walked one and

struck out five in pitching his first complete game in four starts since coming to Kansas City. He pitched one shutout and three complete games in 36 starts with Los Angeles and Cincinnati in the National League. Loser Bill Swift gave up seven hits.

Jim Eisenrich, subbing in left field for the injured Bo Jackson, singled with one out in the third inning and scored on a double by Mike MacFarlane.

Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 4
George Bell, Cecil Fielder and Pat Borders homered and Toronto withstood a four-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning. Bruce Hurst struck out 11 in 8 1-3 innings but gave up the three homers and suffered his first loss in six home decisions.

David Wells pitched out of a bases-loaded jam by retiring Wade Boggs on a fly ball and was credited with the victory.

Brewers 9, Angels 4
Glenn Braggs' two-run double capped a four-run seventh-inning rally and rookie Don August, who joined the Brewers earlier in the day, pitched two scoreless innings of relief in his major-league debut to earn the victory. Dan Plesac pitched the final two innings for his 12th save.

Pirates 7, Expos 3

Montreal's Andres Galarraga drove in a career-high five runs, including a three-run homer, and scored the go-ahead run. Neal Heaton, 2-3, allowed five hits in six innings for the victory. Joe Hesketh pitched the final three innings for his first save.

Bob Walk, 5-4, allowed three runs and two hits in seven innings in losing his second straight at Three Rivers Stadium after winning nine consecutive home decisions.

Cardinals 3, Phillies 2

Tony Pena's 14th-inning infield hit scored Tom Brunansky from second base and John Costello won in his first Major-League game.

The teams stranded 38 runners, a Major-League record for a 14-inning game. St. Louis left 20 and Philadelphia 18.

Bob Horner hit his first home run in 106 at-bats since April 29, when he hit one off Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Results	
American League	
Kansas City	3
Toronto	5
Texas	10
Milwaukee	9
California	4
National League	
New York	2
St. Louis	3
Montreal	7
Pittsburgh	3

Beckenbauer under pressure to find winning formula

BREMEN, West Germany, June 3. (Reuter) West German soccer coach Franz Beckenbauer, under pressure to find a winning formula for the European Championship finals starting next week, may put his faith in his younger players for a friendly match against Yugoslavia tomorrow.

After a run of disappointing performances in which dozens of players were tried, "Kaiser Franz" has taken his 20-man championship squad to the northern retreat of Mals for a tough schedule of fitness training and practice matches.

But the signs are that Beckenbauer is as confused as ever. The difference in the quality of his players is not as marked as before, he told reporters.

Two of the most experienced members of the squad, striker Rudi Voller and midfielder Pierre Littbarski, have been told they do not have guaranteed places for the crucial opening game of the championship, against Italy in Duesseldorf next Friday.

Voller, badly off-form this season for his Italian club Roma, could be left out, with Dortmund's no-nonsense striker Frank Mill joining top League scorer Juergen Klinsmann up front.

Littbarski will have to fight off challenges from Bayern Munich's dependable Hans Dorfner and the highly-talented Olaf Thon, Verona's Thomas Berthold, recalled to the squad for the championship, is likely to miss the friendly due to a heavy cold and may find it hard to get back into the side next week.

Yugoslavia, who failed to qualify for the championship finals, are unlikely to provide a stern test for Beckenbauer's men.

Teams: West Germany (probable) — Elke Emmel, Matthias Herget, Juergen Kohler, Uli Borowka, Andreas Brehme, Lothar Matthaus, Wolfgang Roloff, Olaf Thon, Hans Dorfner, Juergen Klinsmann, Rudi Voller.

Yugoslavia (from): Vladan Radacic, Dragoje Lekovic, Zoran Vujic, Mirsad Baljic, Srecko Katanec, Miodrag Krivokapic, Goran Miljanovic, Dragoljub Brnovic, Radmilo Mihailovic, Vladislav Djukic, Haris Skoro, Zvonimir Boban, Predrag Mijatovic, Mehmed Bazdarevic, Faruk Hadzibegic.

Benfica held to 2-2 draw

LISBON, June 3. (Reuter) Two goals by Pacheco in the final minutes gave Benfica a 2-2 draw against lowly Varzim while new champions Porto beat Academica 1-0 in the penultimate Portuguese League matches of the season yesterday.

Third-placed Belenenses assured themselves of a UEFA Cup place with a 2-0 victory over Boavista.

Benfica, who lost to PSV Eindhoven on penalties in the European Cup final 10 days ago, escaped defeat when Pacheco converted a penalty in the 84th minute and drove another home on a Chiquinho pass one minute later.

The final matches are to be played on Sunday, with fourth-placed Sporting, who beat Salgueiros 4-2, bidding for a European place.

Real players fail to reproduce League form

Sweden surprise Spain in friendly

SALAMANCA, Spain, June 3. (Reuter) Three super goals from a dynamic Swedish side demoralised Spain on Wednesday ahead of the European Soccer Championship finals.

Spain, still looking for their first warm-up win, looked good at the start as Emilio Butragueno put them ahead after 14 minutes.

Dominated
But Sweden bounced back with a dazzling equaliser by Joakim Nilsson eight minutes later and dominated the rest of the match.

Goals from Dennis Schiller and Mats Magnusson each side of the interval put the result beyond doubt and gave Sweden their first win over the Spaniards since 1950.

Spanish coach Miguel Munoz, who had blamed recent indef-

ferent performances on players still involved in League games, fielded the side expected to open Spain's championship campaign against Denmark on June 11.

But the backbone of seven players from champions Real Madrid failed to reproduce their League form.

"We got nervous, we were trying to do everything too quickly," said defender Ricardo Gallego.

Spain made a roaring start, running rings around the young Swedes.

Michel Gonzalez dribbled brilliantly past three defenders who slipped to the ground, and set up Butragueno to knock the ball into an empty goal after 14 minutes.

Then an astonishing cross from Nilsson in the left corner soared over leaping Spanish

goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta and landed in the top corner of the net to put the Swedes level.

Spain kept up the pressure, intercepting and chasing the ball, but their shots at goal went wide.

Two minutes from halftime, Schiller sent a powerful left-footer straight past Zubizarreta after a headed pass from Leif Engqvist.

Three minutes into the second half, a cross from Jonas Thern gave Magnusson his chance and he answered with a lovely diving header.

From then on, the Swedes fired shot after shot at the Spanish goal and the Spaniards just fell apart.

Their only chance came nine minutes from time but Spain's second top League scorer Jorge Bakero shot wide.

Spain, who have now lost three

Czechoslovakia stun Denmark

COPENHAGEN, June 3. (Reuter) Denmark's European Championship hopes suffered another setback when they were beaten 1-0 at home by Czechoslovakia in a soccer friendly on Wednesday.

Midfielder Lubos Kubik scored the winner in the 11th minute when he raced clear to beat Danish goalkeeper Troels Rasmussen and ram the ball into an empty net.

Striker Stanislav Griga lashed home a second midway through the second half but the effort was ruled offside.

The Danes, beaten 1-0 by Austria in Vienna in April and held 2-2 by Hungary earlier this month, have been badly hit by injuries in recent weeks and open their European Championship campaign against Spain in 10 days.

The reshaped Danish side were further weakened when Soeren Lerby limped off injured after 25 minutes and defender Morten Olsen was replaced at halftime.

The result left the Danes without a win over the Czechoslovaks in 14 matches since 1922.

Denmark: Troels Rasmussen, Soeren Busk, Ivan Nielsen, Morten Olsen, John Sivemark, John Heintze, Soeren Lerby, Jan Heintze, Jesper Olsen, Freben Elkjaer, Flemming Povlsen (substitutes — John Jensen, Lars Olsen, Kim Vilfort, Bjorn Kristensen).

Czechoslovakia: Jan Stejskal, Julius Bielek, Jozef Chovanec, Lubomir Vlk, Vclav Nemecek, Miroslav Kadlec, Ivan Hasek, Lubos Kubik, Vclav Hryav, Stanislav Griga, Ivo Knoflicek (substitutes — Milan Luhovy, Karel Kula).

Dutch outplay Romanians

AMSTERDAM, June 3. (Reuter) The Netherlands, without European Footballer of the Year, Ruud Gullit, beat Romania 2-0 on Wednesday in their final warm-up match for the European Championship beginning next week.

AC Milan star Gullit was omitted to rest a mild back injury but the Dutch, who also started without Marco van Basten, were always in command.

John Bosman shot the hosts ahead after just three minutes but the Romanians squandered a chance to equalise when Gheorghe Hagi hammered a 29th minute penalty against the post.

The spot kick was awarded when goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen brought down Rodion Camataru.

Striker Wim Kieft secured the Dutch win when he grabbed the second from a pass by Bosman in the 53rd minute.

and drawn two of their warm-up matches, have only one more chance to boost their confidence before the championships — a friendly against Switzerland on Sunday.

Teams:

Spain — Andoni Zubizarreta, Thomas Renones, Jose Camacho, Manuel Sanchis, Victor Munoz, Rafael Gordillo, Jose Bakero, Michel Gonzalez, Emilio Butragueno, Ricardo Gallego (Genaro Andrinua 65th), Martin Vazquez, (Ramon Caldera 65).

Sweden — Thomas Ravelli, Roland Nilsson, Glenn Hysen, Andreas Ravelli, Dennis Schiller, Jonas Thern, Robert Prytz, Leif Engqvist, Joakim Nilsson, Hans Eskilsson, Mats Magnusson (Hans Holmqvist 68).

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Tight security expected at Euro-tourney

BONN, June 3. (Reuter) When English referee Keith Hackett signals the start of the opening match between West Germany and Italy in Duesseldorf on the evening of June 10, the curtain will rise on the world's most elaborate, expensive and important soccer tournament outside the World Cup.

The teams which qualified for the eighth European Championship finals include most of the continent's star players, among them flamboyant Dutchman Ruud Gullit, Italy's new goal-scoring hero Gianluca Vialli, Oleg Protasov of the Soviet Union and the Spanish "Vulture" Emilio Butragueno.

Quality
But whether the 16-day, eight-nation tournament becomes a fiesta or a fiasco may well depend not on the quality of play and level of excitement generated by the games.

Massive security precautions have been mounted for the championship, with the fear of English and Dutch hooligans uppermost in mind and the spectre of the 1985 Brussels disaster haunting organisers.

Around one million soccer fans are expected to attend the 15



Police keep a close watch on the situation during a recent match in W. Germany.

matches of the championship, which ends on June 25, with the final in Munich's Olympic stadium after an odyssey around eight West German cities.

But since the European Cup final tragedy at the Heysel stadium, the continuing violence of groups of soccer supporters in Europe has been a major preoccupation for the sport's administrators.

The greatest slice of the 43.3 million marks (\$25.5 million)

spent on modernising the eight stadia went on security. The expected flashpoint comes five days after the opening match, in and around the Duesseldorf stadium when England play the Netherlands.

West German police, who intended to adopt a discreet approach in trying to prevent crowd trouble, have had several chances to refine their tactics.

They were out in force when West Germany played England

in a friendly in Duesseldorf last September, attended the England-Netherlands game in London in March, and found little trouble to deal with at the European Cup final between PSV Eindhoven and Benfica on May 25 in Stuttgart. But when England played Scotland at Wembley four days earlier, 200 were arrested in and around the ground and one man died.

Another problem that threatened the championship was resolved well in advance. In 1985, West Germany was awarded the right to stage the tournament, beating bids from England, Netherlands and Scandinavia.

But the European Football Union (UEFA) insisted that West Berlin should not be a venue as intended. East Bloc countries objected to the divided city, which constitutionally is not part of West Germany.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and other enraged politicians demanded that the West German Soccer Federation (DFB) hold out for West Berlin or hand back the championship.

But the wily Hermann Neuberger, head of the championship organising committee

and of the DFB, managed to find a compromise and placate all concerned.

West Berlin was granted the right to host the West German Cup final for five years, and a four-nation tournament was staged there this Easter — with the Soviet Union among the competing teams.

In return, West Berlin is not a championship venue, while Kohl became the championship's patron and is expected to attend at least the opening match.

The championship has been almost completely sold out for months, ever since the draw was made splitting the eight teams into two preliminary groups of four.

Rabbit

Between ticket sales, the sale of television rights around the world and marketing of the championship mascot — a rabbit named Berni after UEFA's home town Bern — Neuberger has budgeted for a profit of 30 million marks (\$17.5 million).

Win or lose, the eight teams will go home considerably richer at the end of their stay in West Germany. For the, the championship will at least be a financial fiesta.



Mahmoud Jazzeff (left) receives his prize from Gary Sharpe

Gill takes top position

THE outcome of the Squash Handicap Series at the Holiday Inn Club was in doubt until the final competition this week.

Julian Gill, Mahmoud Jazzeff and Bill Potts were all in winning positions. On the final day an outsider, Christine Hill, took the honours but winning through to the semifinal was enough to give Julian Gill an overall victory and the silver squash racket trophy.

Reynolds out of UCLA meeting

EUGENE, Oregon, June 3. (Reuter) American Harry "Butch" Reynolds has suffered a hamstring injury, knocking him out of an early season 400-metre showdown scheduled for Sunday at the UCLA Invitational in Los Angeles, his brother said yesterday.

"It's a slight strain," Jeff Reynolds said at the US National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships where he is competing. "But it's not serious to the point where he will get out of shape."

Harry Reynolds, the fastest 400 metres runner ever at low altitude with a time of 44.10 seconds last year, injured the hamstring this week while training in Columbus, Ohio. Jeff Reynolds said.

Feature

Reynolds had been scheduled to take on Nigerians Innocent Egbunike and Sunday Uti, Gabriel Tiachou of the Ivory Coast and compatriots Roddie Haley and Antonio McKay in the UCLA meet. The others are still scheduled to compete, promoters said.

The meeting also will feature Carl Lewis in the 100 metres dash and a clash between the two-time world champion Greg Foster, world record-holder Renaldo Nehemiah and 1984 Olympics champion Roger Kingdom in the 110 metres high hurdles.

Lewis, the quadruple gold medalist at the 1984 Games, heads a 100 metres field that includes US national champion Mark Witherspoon and former US Olympians Harvey Glange and Ron Brown.

Brazil's Joaquim Cruz, the 1984 800 metres gold medalist, moves up to the mile to face US record holder Steve Scott and world championships bronze medalist Jim Spivey of the US.

Stewart runs fast 100m

EUGENE, Oregon, June 3. (Reuter) Jamaican Raymond Stewart, the bronze medalist of the world championships, sprinted 100 metres in 10.16 seconds on a wet track yesterday as he began defence of his sprint title at the US National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships.

The time, which advanced Stewart to tomorrow's final, was the second fastest of the day — American Joe Deloach ran a wind-aided 10.15 seconds in another heat — and was surprisingly fast considering the cool and wet conditions that hampered the meeting for a second consecutive day.

Gail Devers, the US co-record holder in the women's 100 metres hurdles, also had a pair of fast performances.

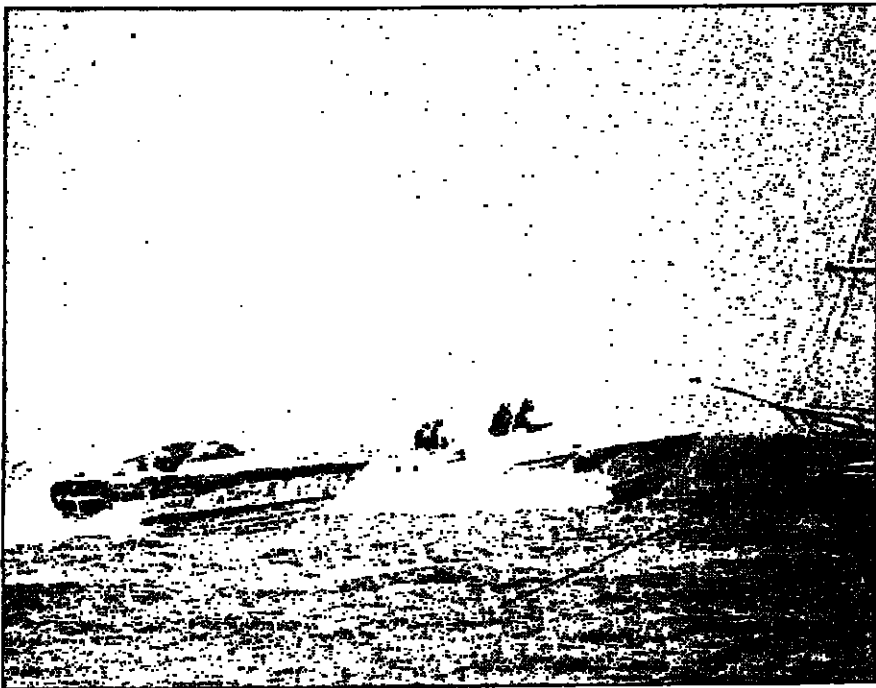
The Pan American Games champion at 100 metres won her qualifying heat in that event in 11.16 seconds, then was clocked in 13.01 seconds in the 100 metres hurdles.

Cram triumphs in 3,000 metres

SEVILLE, Spain, June 3. (Reuter) World mile record holder Steve Cram stormed back from 100 metres behind to snatch victory in the 3,000 metres at an athletics meeting in Seville on Wednesday.

Briton Cram started his chase at the 2,000-metre mark and caught Kenyan leaders Peter Koech and Joshua Kipkemboi with two laps remaining.

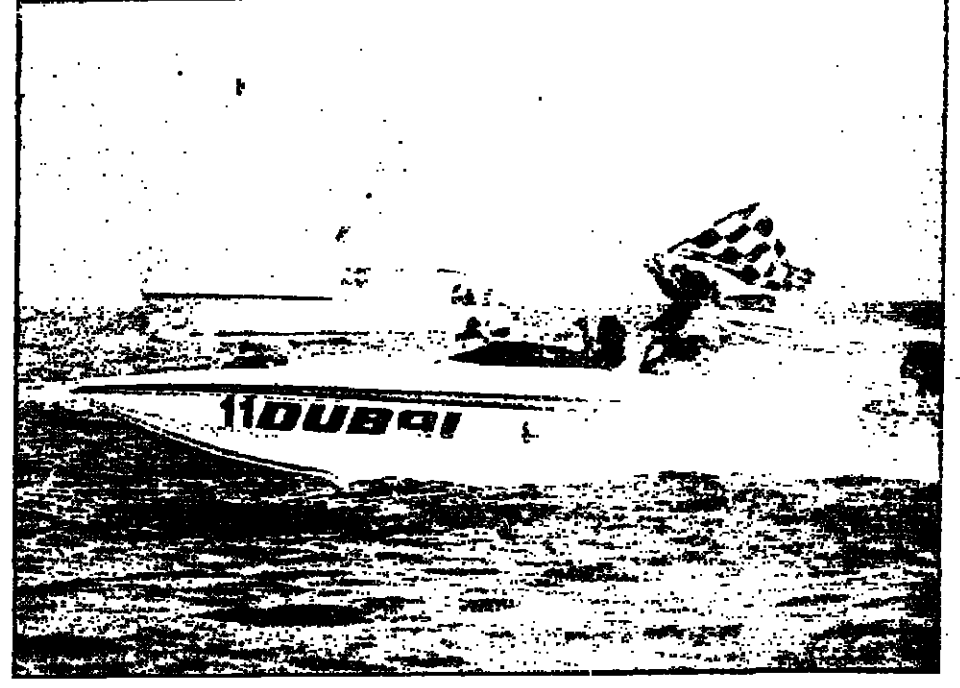
He clocked seven minutes 45.4 seconds, less than a second clear of second-placed Koech, but way ahead of rival fellow Briton Steve Ovett.



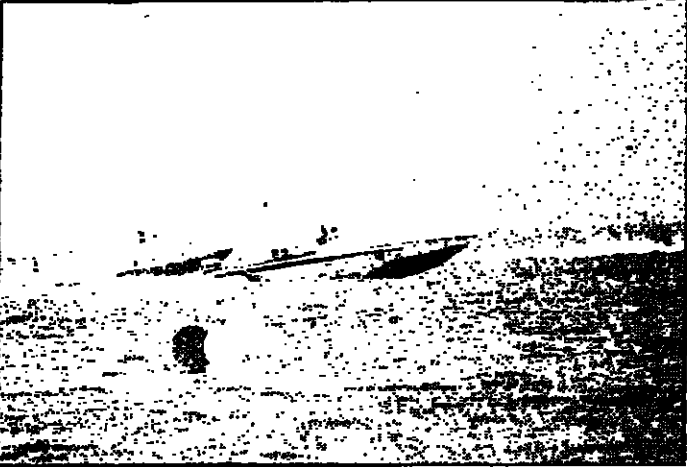
An action shot of the race.



Mishal (left) and Bakhit (right) with their co-drivers.



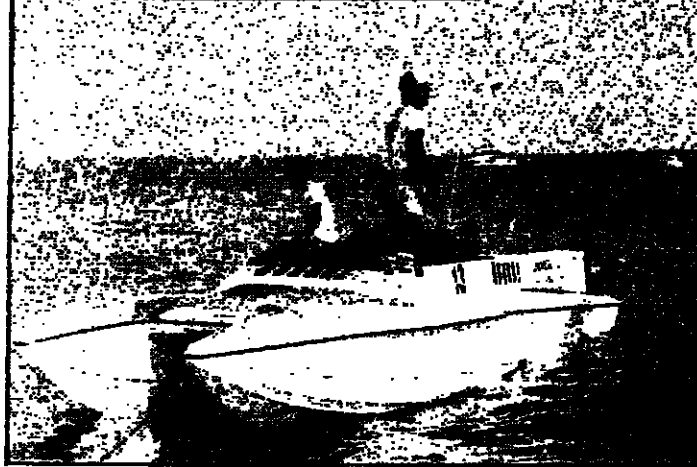
Bakhit after taking the chequered flag.



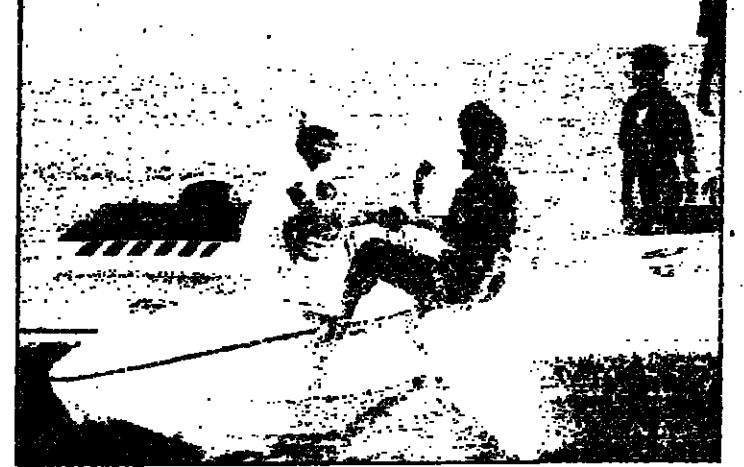
Ahmed Juma tries to shake off other competitors.



Mohammed Salem waits for other boat to arrive.



A happy Mishal looking for other finishers.



Mishal (left) and Bakhit congratulate each other.



Mishal stays ahead of other boats during the race.



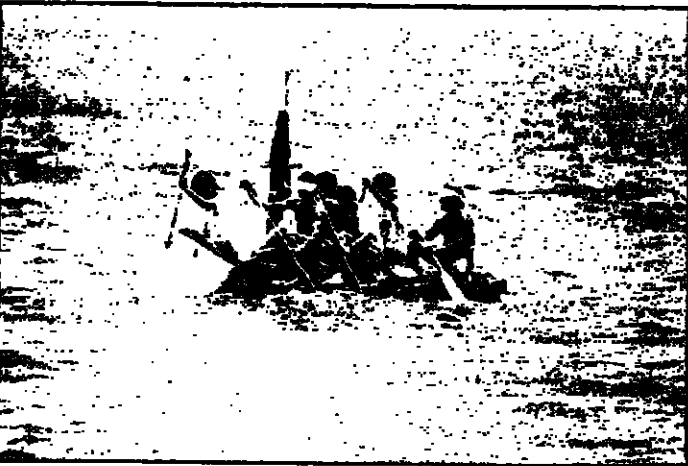
Hossain Seyafe tries to gain on the leaders.



Two pigeons and a parachutist get a free view of the competitions.



Some of the spectators watching the boat race.



A raft crew tries to catch the leaders.



A ladies and men's team.



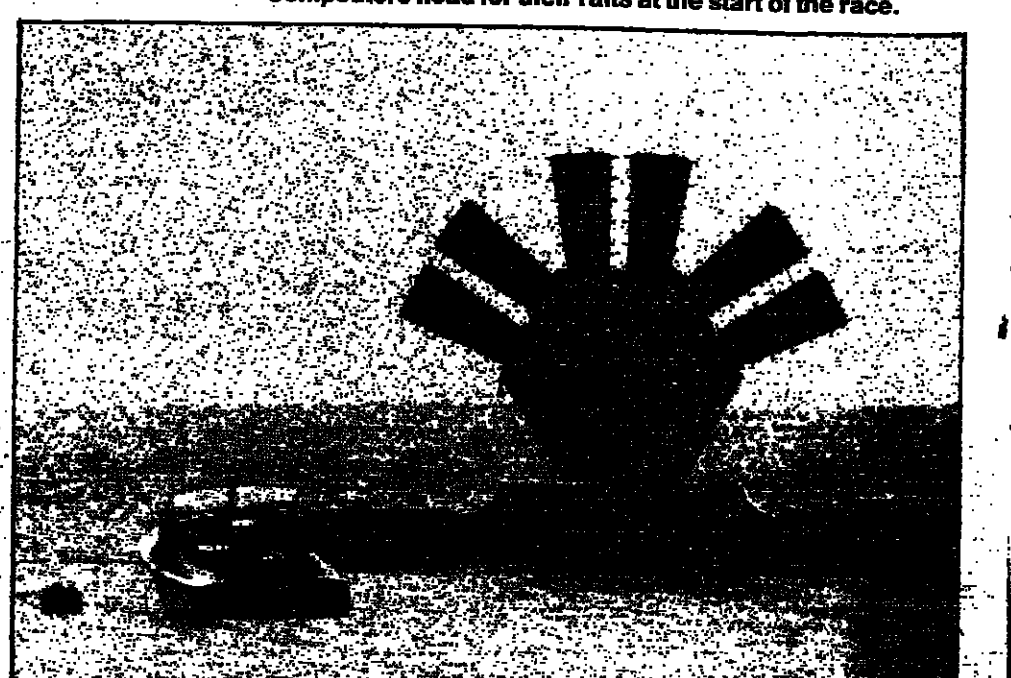
Competitors listen to music during the race.

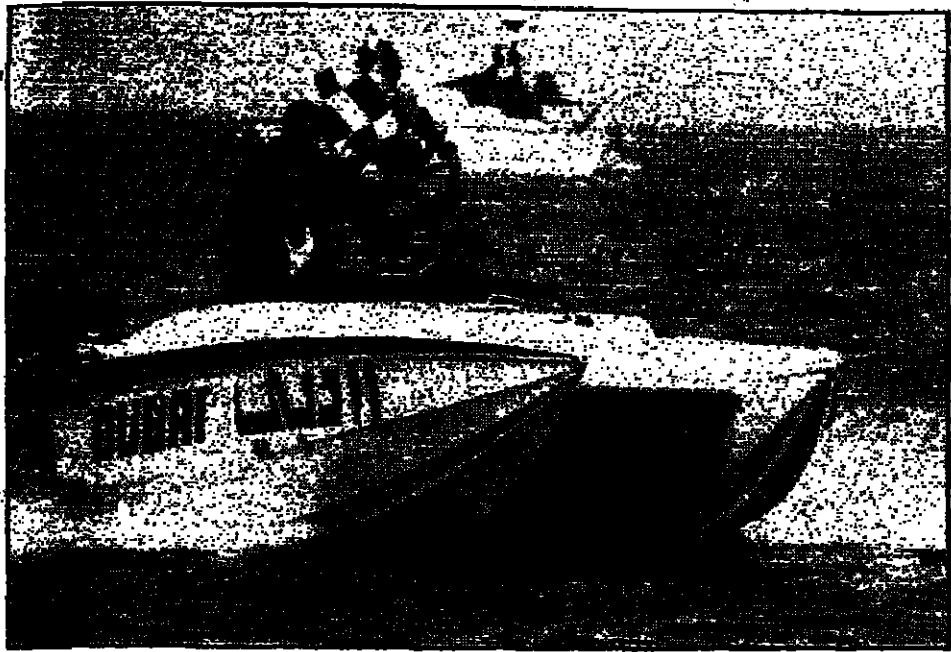


Competitors head for their rafts at the start of the race.



Some of the teams taking part in the raft race. (Photos by Gall Seery, Javed Basra and Raid Qutaina)

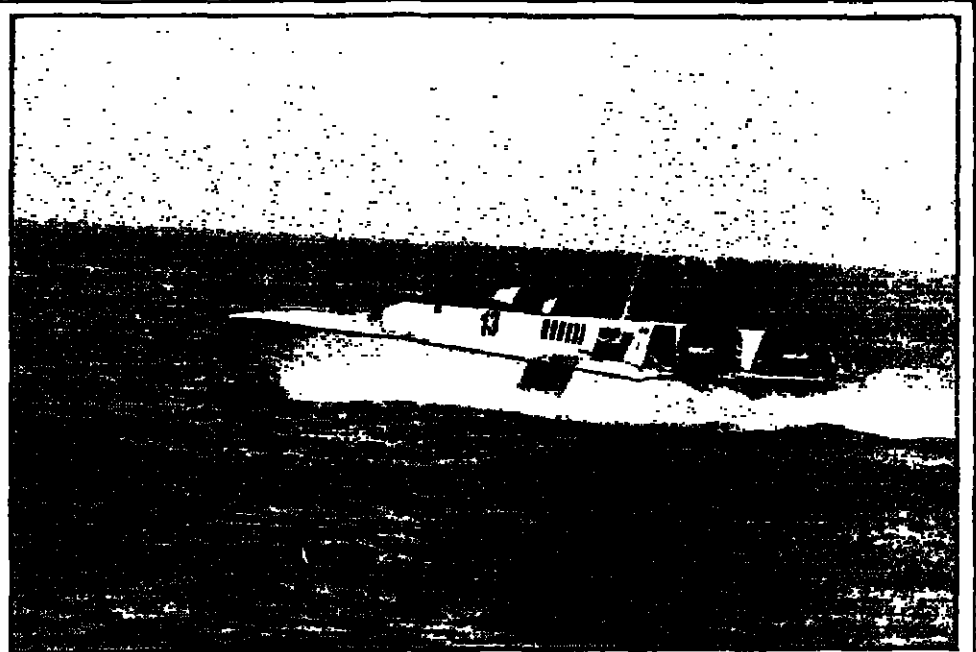




Bakhit takes the chequered flag.



Mishal (left) and Bakhit after the race.



Mishal heads towards the finish line.

MISHAL AL JARALLAH FINISHES SECOND

Bakhit wins Kuwait Powerboat Race

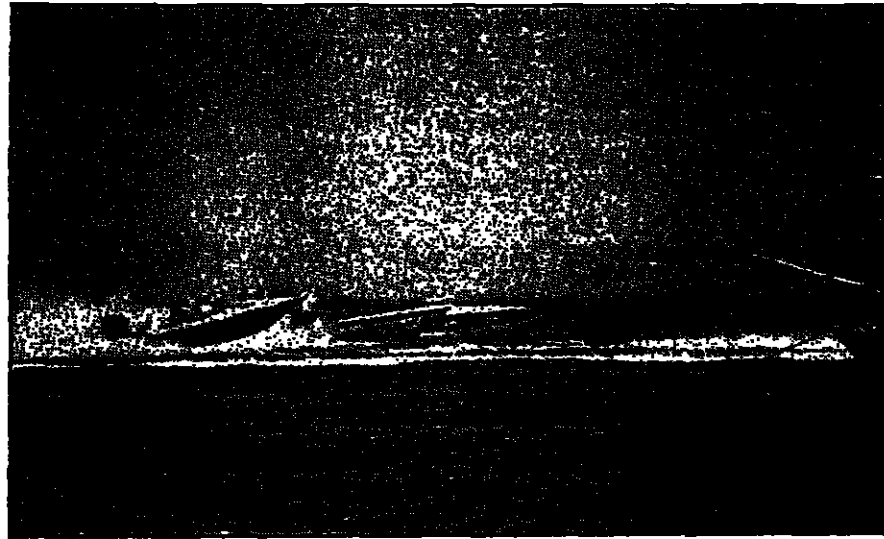
By Gail Seery

KHALED BAKHIT of Dubai took a ten second victory over Kuwait's Mishal Al Jarallah in yesterday's second bi-annual Kuwait Offshore Powerboat Race. The pair sped home to the chequered flag, a good one and a half hours before any other boat arrived.

As the start was signalled, Bakhit, Jarallah and Salem Mohammed of Dubai, in the largest competing boat, took an immediate lead, leaving the racers to fall into three distinct groups. By the time they reached turning point 1, near Abu Halifa, the gap between the groups was lengthening considerably.

Standard

All three leaders were driving catamarans, though the 2-3ft waves suited Bakhit's lighter and shorter craft rather more than Salem Mohammed's 2-ton 31 footer, or Jarallah's Merit sponsored 27ft Cougar. The engine power weighed in vastly on the side of Mohammed, with his distinctive yellow Emirates boat being powered by two 400hp engines. Again, whereas the other two boats were comparatively standard his had



An action shot of the race.

been considerably modified especially for racing.

Khaled Bakhit explained how the race had gone. "From the start there were three boats leading, Mishal, Salem Mohammed and me. I was leading into turning point 1, and Emirates, driven by Salem Mohammed and my boat turned first. Mishal caught up, and I let the two of them race each other." Bakhit added that he

had known that, sooner or later, one or both of the leaders would hit engine problems through racing too fast for too long.

Slowed

"I knew there was plenty of time for me to win the race," he smiled. "I slowed down and relaxed a little, and took care not to spoil my engine. I was 3rd, in the middle, about 100 feet behind the leaders who

were pressing together at full speed.

It was at this point that the race took an unexpected turn. The three leading competitors had moved far ahead of all the other racers, and were unable to locate turning point 2, some 15.6 nautical miles out to sea.

"We lost our way, and all went round ten miles too far. Then we stopped and talked together for 5 to 10 minutes,



Hossain Seyafe rounds a turning point.

and finally decided that we would continue the race, as we had gone over the distance, and aim for the third point together."

"I reached turning point 3 first, with Mishal and Salem together behind me. Salem broke his engine, and never reached the turn, and Mishal and I raced for turning point 4. Mishal is a good driver, and he was using the same tactics as me.

His experience is good."

"For most of the race my maximum was 80mph. From turning point 3 to 4 it was 90 mph, and from turning point 4 to the finish I was up to 95 mph. I did it, and I'm very happy," he said.

Future

Bakhit was driving a Tiger-cat, in which he came third in April's Dubai Offshore Powerboat Race, and was partnered



Some of the spectators enjoying the race from their boats.

for this race by his 18-year-old brother Hamid. "He has a good future in this sport," said Bakhit, who gave him the Honda CRX car prize as thanks for his assistance.

Bakhit felt that the only major problem with the race had been that TP2 had been too far out to sea, making it too easy to get lost. "Sometimes I kept Mishal in front of me to show me the way," he joked.

Bakhit had his engines completely checked the night before the race, by a Kuwait based team of private mechanics. He was full of praise for their work, and added that engines should be checked after each race.

Bakhit said that he was very happy to win, and that he had felt sure that he had a strong chance since arriving in Kuwait. "Now, just like Bin

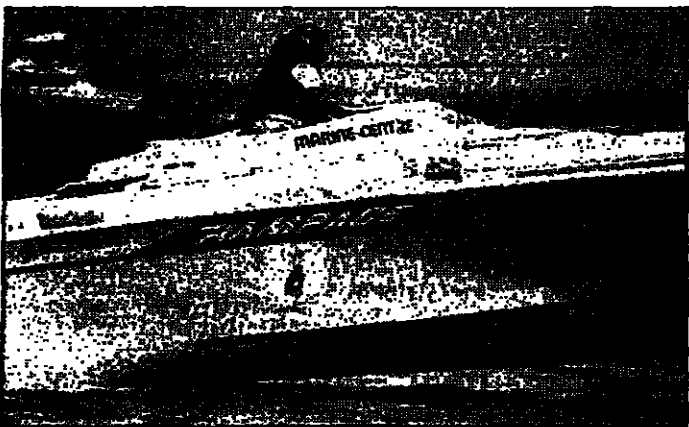
Sulayem wins for Dubai in the desert, I win for Dubai on the seas," he joked.

"A racer must use his mind. He has to know what he's doing, when to use his speed and when to reduce it."

For his part, Mishal Al Jarallah was happy to have completed the race, and to have grabbed second place. "I had no problems except a loss of power at times," he said.

Eventually four more boats reached the finishing line. These were, Ahmed Juma of Dubai, followed by Mohammed Karam, last year's winner, Hossain Seyafe and Ahmed Al Hassan.

One of the strong favourites for the race, Abdullah Al Sha'ali of Dubai failed to start due to fuel pump problems, and boat number 2, did not compete.



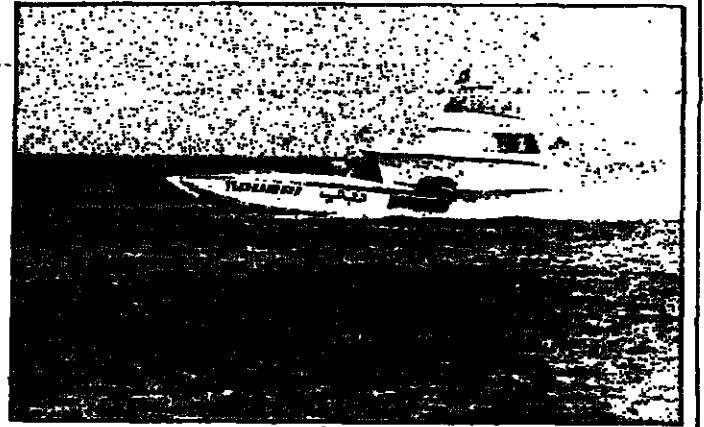
Mohammed Karam shows his skill.



Abdulla Jafar during the race.



Four competitors near a turning point.



Bakhit heads towards the finish.

Harriers and Harriets steal the show

By Jadranka Porter

ENTHUSIASTIC rafters took off to a flying start at yesterday's Kuwait Second Raft Race but the Hash House Harriers and Harriets stole the show by landing most of the prizes.

The event, organised by the Messilah Beach Hotel, drew dozens of competitors on some 40 rafts and thousands of spectators, some lining the beach, others watching from scores of sailing and motor boats moored off the Messilah beach.

With another competition, the Kuwait Offshore Powerboat Race, starting just 300 metres from the Messilah beach, the event was probably the largest ever in Kuwait in terms of water sports fans turn out.

Hundreds of swimmers speckled the sea, at times obstructing the race, while water skiers practised around the pontoon marking the starting line of the powerboat race. Sailing boats cruised at a respectable distance from the competing rafts while powerboats zig-zagged the waters and were brought under control only after the Coast Guard boats moved in. A lone parachutist



A ladies' team heads for the finish.

towed by a powerboat attracted a lot of attention but was not the only one to have a bird's eye view of the scene. Security helicopters periodically flew over the area and at times hovered over the clusters of boats for a closer look.

On the beach cheering spectators following the competing rafts moved from the Touristic Enterprises beach, the starting point of the race to the pier and onto the Messilah Beach Hotel club where the rafts crossed the finishing line. Others made

rounds of stalls selling food, promoting make up, auto parts, films or computers. Some visitors got engrossed in computer games while others tapped their feet to the beat of the Kuwait Players Band. Children were entertained by a magician.

The Messilah Beach Hotel Cup in Mens' Raft Race final went to the last year's champions, the Hash House Harriers. They finished the race in 5.40 minutes and were not seriously contested by the



One of the crews gets into action.

second-placed American Embassy team on Grapes of Wrath. Messilah Beach Hotel Flying Members were the third to cross the finishing line.

The Hash House Harriets triumphed in the ladies' event and were followed by the American Embassy Ladies' team on the Grapes of Wrath and Messilah Mermaids who finished third.

But in the mixed event the American Embassy team took their revenge beating the Hash House Harriers into the second

place. But the Harriers and Harriets recovered to add another accolade to their collection — their raft called Treasure Island was declared the most imaginative raft in the carnival event.

The best dressed crew was to be found on Admate, a carnival event raft constructed and manned by the staff of Camp, Saadeh and Skaff advertising agency. "I am a king" exclaimed one of the sailors on Admate. Indeed he was a king — a chess piece on a raft which



Competitors try to avoid running into each other.

was a gigantic chess board. The funniest raft was B'B Bear while the best constructed raft was the Messilah Beach Hotel Sun 'N' Sea.

There was a lot of excitement in the mens' heats with 17 teams competing for a place in the finals which featured six fastest rafts. Among the most disappointed rafters were the Messilah Beach Hotel Microlites.

They began the race paddling furiously but going in the wrong direction. This was a serious setback which could not be made up for even by the bagpipe music from a recorder aboard the raft which was meant to lift the rafters' spirits and encourage them to increase the number of strokes per minute.

"Too many geriatrics on our

raft" said Malcolm Walker jokingly. Nevertheless the MBH Microlite took a second place in a race for Messilah Beach Plate which featured rafts that did not make the cup final. The plate went to Sporting Mina F.C. raft.

Sheikh Ahmed Jaber Al Abdullah Al Sabah, the son of the Kuwait City governor, handed the prizes to the winners.



Some of the winners receiving the prizes from Sheikh Ahmed Jaber Al Abdullah Al Sabah after the conclusion of the raft race. (Photos by Gail Seery, Javed Basra and Reid Outaina)

SPORTS

British beat Soviets for hockey final

IPOH, Malaysia, June 3. (Reuters): Britain took revenge against the Soviet Union today, beating them 3-1 after extra time to reach the final of the six-nation hockey tournament here.

Two months ago, Britain lost to the Soviet Union by the same margin in the Champions' Trophy in Lahore.

Britain took the lead in the 12th minute when Paul Barber scored from a penalty corner but Victor Deputatov equalised in the 47th minute.

Flicked

The Soviet Union often appeared the fitter and faster side but failed to capitalise on several chances including a penalty in the 67th minute.

Defender Airapetian Sos flicked directly to Britain's goalkeeper Ian Taylor.

In extra time Barber again gave Britain the lead through another penalty corner in the 79th minute and Sean Kerly scored the third goal in the last minutes of play.

The other semifinal match, between world champions Pakistan and Asian games champions South Korea, was postponed until Saturday due to poor lighting at the Azhah Shah hockey stadium in Ipoh, 250 kms north of Kuala Lumpur.

Schumacher to sign for Turkish club

COLOGNE, West Germany, June 3. (Reuters): Goalkeeper Toni Schumacher, sacked from the West German national side for allegations in his autobiography, has agreed terms to join Turkish club Fenerbache, his agent said today.

"We've reached agreement. Toni will sign a contract next week to last until 1990," agent Ruediger Schmitz told reporters as the two returned from talks in Istanbul.

Schumacher, capped 76 times for West Germany, said he would leave his League club Schalke after they were relegated to the Second Division.

"Fenerbache is a new challenge for me. 34-year-old Schumacher said. "I've looked around the stadium and training facilities, and everything's perfect."

The 10-times Turkish champions have offered Schumacher a two-year contract worth \$500,000 as well as a car and apartment.

Schumacher was sacked in 1987 by national coach Franz Beckenbauer and by his club Cologne after alleging that many of his colleagues took dope.

Middleweight fight

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, June 3. (AP): John Rietz, Iran Barkley's manager, predicts his fighter will be a nightmare for Thomas Hearns, whose latest boxing dream is to unify the middleweight championship.

Marshall and Ambrose put W. Indies on top

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 3. (AP): West Indies cricket captain Viv Richards and his front-line strike bowlers Malcolm Marshall and Curtley Ambrose manoeuvred their side into a strong position on the second day of the first Test match against England today.

After Marshall and Ambrose had dismissed England for a modest 245, Richards hit a quickfire 22 off 23 balls as the West Indies moved to 126 for two by the close of a rain-flecked second day.

Desmond Haynes also contributed an unbeaten 53 as the tourists survived some torrid bowling from the England seamers.

Failures

Vice-captain Gordon Greenidge made 25 out of an opening partnership of 54 with Haynes, but Richie Richardson added to a string of failures on English soil by scoring only 17.

Greenidge was the first batsman to go, edging a ball from Paul Jarvis to wicket-keeper Paul Downon.

Four deliveries earlier, Greenidge had been dropped at slip by John Embury who then atoned by claiming Richardson's wicket.

In his first over, the wily off-spinner had Richardson caught at short leg with the West Indies score on 84.

In came Richards, who attacked the English bowlers with five boundaries. With Haynes also picking up the pace, the tourists were only 119 behind by the close.

Earlier, England crumbled to 245 all out as pacemen Malcolm

WILANDER, LECONTE, GRAF AND ZVEREVA IN FINALS

Lendl crashes out of French Open

PARIS, June 3. (Reuters): World number one defending champion Ivan Lendl crashed out of the French Open tennis championship yesterday when he suffered a stunning straight-set defeat against unseeded Swede Jonas Svensson.

Svensson, ranked 21st in the world, reached his first ever Grand Slam championship semifinal with a remarkable 7-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory to continue his country's great tradition at Roland Garros.

Bjorn Borg, who first perfected the double-fisted style used by Svensson, was champion here six times. Mats Wilander has triumphed twice and Mikael Pernfors was an unseeded finalist two years ago.

Unbeaten

Lendl, champion in 1984, 1986 and 1987, had reached the quarterfinals with an unbeaten 18-match run on Parisian clay stretching back to June 1985 when he was runner up to Wilander.

The 60th French Championships at Roland Garros have been rich in surprises and Lendl's astonishing defeat follows those of seven times women's champion Chris Evert and twice title holder Martina Navratilova in the space of 24 hours last week-end.

Svensson, however, found himself at the receiving end in the semifinal today when he was knocked out of the tournament by Frenchman Henri Leconte.

Leconte, who has never before appeared in a Grand Slam final, won 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 to earn the right to face Wilander, of Sweden, on Sunday.



Lendl has his shoulder checked by a doctor. (Reuters wirephoto)

Wilander, French Open champion in 1982 and 1985 and twice a losing finalist, had a tough five-set match before subduing the brash 18-year-old American Andre Agassi 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, 5-7, 6-0 in just under four hours.

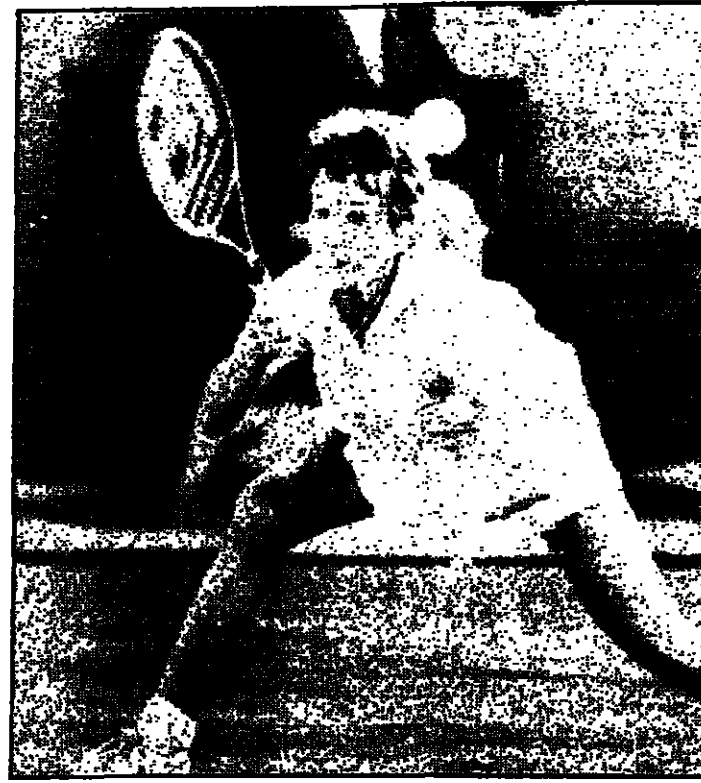
Leconte, who has taken over the affection of the home crowd since the elimination of Yannick Noah, now hopes to emulate his fellow-countryman who beat Wilander in the 1983 final in Paris.

The 23-year-old Swede, who

has five Grand Slam titles under his belt, has beaten Leconte eight times in their previous 10 meetings, including a quarterfinal match at Roland Garros three years ago.

"It's going to be tough on Sunday but I still think I've got a chance," Leconte said. "I didn't make the mistake of worrying about anything except the match before the semifinal."

Wilander, in an intriguing contrast of styles and personalities, proved to have too much



Zvereva reaches down to send a return. (Reuters wirephoto)

resilience, patience and maturity for the young Agassi.

"I think he's a hell of a player," Wilander said. "He surprised me a lot, I didn't think he was that good. It was the best match I played in the tournament. I've never played someone who hits the ball as hard as him."

Agassi's clowning and his remarkably powerful groundstrokes, particularly his thunderbolt forehand, had the French crowd cheering for him against the stoic and solid Swede.

They gave him a standing ovation when he levelled the match at two sets all but Wilander, probably the best five-set player around, demolished the young pretender in less than 20 minutes in the deciding set.

Yesterday, defending women's champion Steffi Graf reached her fifth successive Grand Slam final when she beat 'old' rival Gabriela Sabatini 6-3, 7-6 in the first of two teenage semifinals.

The 18-year-old title holder,

winner of the Australian Open last January and runner-up to Navratilova in the 1987 Wimbledon and US Open finals.

Graf had beaten the fourth-seeded Argentine on 11 of their previous 13 encounters, but Sabatini had won their last two meetings and followed Lendl on the centre court full of confidence.

It proved unfounded in the face of the West German's savage power attack although the 90-minute tussle did come alive in the second set.

Graf will meet 17-year-old Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union, who overcame stomach cramps and held off one match point to beat Nicole Provis of Australia 6-3, 6-7, 5-in-an-error-filled match.

Zvereva, the women's 13th seed, is the first Soviet player to make a Grand Slam final since Olga Morozova played Evert for the French and Wimbledon titles in 1974.

Zvereva, who eliminated second-seeded Navratilova last Sunday, was doubled over in pain during changeovers and was less mobile as the match went on.

Zvereva had match point in the 10th game of the second set, but Provis saved it and won the tiebreak 7-3.

Provis, an 18-year-old playing in only her second semifinal on the women's tour, had her own chance for victory in the third set, serving at 5-3, but lost the game to love.

Zvereva — last year's world junior women's champ — won the match when Provis sent a backhand into the net.

Lyle extends British Masters lead

WOBURN, England, June 3. (Reuters): US Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Britain birdied the last two holes for a 68 to stretch his lead midway through the second round of the British Masters golf championship today.

Lyle, one shot ahead after shooting an opening 66 yesterday, built a lead of three strokes over Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain with less than half the 120-man field having finished the round.

Olazabal also had a four-under-par 68 to move into con-

tenion. Lyle, on 10-under-par 134 after 36 holes, again had a good day with his putter, holing two 20-footers for birdies as he turned in a four-under-par 30.

Successive

He also sank a 20-yard bunker shot for a birdie at the seventh, the first of three successive birdies. But he took a double bogey six at the 14th.

"My one iron off the tee was in perfect position with 185 yards left to the hole. Maybe I played

the shot too quickly, but I hooked it left into the crowd and it bounced out of bounds," he said.

But he recovered with an eight-foot birdie at the 17th and a closing birdie four after two oneirons to the edge of the green.

"This was a better striking round than yesterday," Lyle said. "This was a good solid round. I kept the ball in play."

Asked about American veteran Lee Trevino's view that Lyle was the man to beat in the US Open starting at Brookline,

Boston, in two weeks, the Briton said: "The way I'm playing, using irons off the tee almost every hole, is probably good preparation for that event."

Similar

"I don't know anything about the Brookline course, but every US Open course I've played has been similar, with narrow fairways, hard greens and heavy rough."

"I'm a more settled player now. Everything's that little bit sharper," he said.

Lopez ahead

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 3. (Reuters): American Nancy Lopez took a one-stroke over compatriot Janet Coles and Briton Laura Davies after the first round of the \$275,000 Jamie Farr Toledo Golf Classic yesterday.

Lopez had to overcome a shaky start when she had a bogey on the first hole of the tournament, named after the actor who played the Klingon, character in the American television programme 'Mash'.

China retain Uber Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, June 3. (Reuters): China retained the women's Uber Cup World Team Badminton Trophy today after taking an unassailable 3-0 lead against South Korea.

The youthful South Koreans, playing in their first Uber Cup final, had no answer to the power and skill of the experienced Chinese, who lost only one game in taking the first three singles matches.

Hwang Hae Young briefly raised Korean hopes by taking the first game 12-10 against China's number one Li Lingwei, who made several unforced errors.

But the tall Chinese girl came back strong, displaying dazzling footwork and deft drop shots, to take the last two games 11-11 and 11-3 against an increasingly demoralised opponent.

Reigning world champion Han Aiping, showing remarkable agility and judgment, produced a series of fierce smashes to force 18-year-old Lee Young Suk into submission and take the second match 11-7 11-4.

All-England champion Gu Jianming completed the rout, beating 17-year-old Lee Heung Soon 11-7 11-5 in the finals singles encounter.

Lee took a 3-0 lead in the first game but 'cunning' net play saw Gu race away to take the game with ease. In the second, she unleashed a volley of fierce body smashes, forcing her opponent frequently to return the shuttlecock into the net.

Academic

The results of the singles matches meant the two doubles encounters in Kuala Lumpur's sparsely-attended Negara stadium were academic.

The Koreans, an up-and-coming force in women's international badminton, had been expected to provide stiffer opposition for China, who beat Indonesia 3-2 in the final of the 1986 Uber Cup.

Two die in TT race practice

LONDON, June 3. (Reuters): Two riders have been killed in less than 24 hours during practice for the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy (TT) motorcycle races, race organisers said today.

Kenny Harner, 37, from Lancashire, northern England, died when his 750cc Honda crashed today during the practice session for solo machines.

Harner was the 145th rider to die on the tough 60.75-km circuit since the race began in 1907.

Yesterday sidecar passenger Ricky Dumble, 30, from Fife, Scotland, was killed in practice.

Notts face uphill battle against Kent

LONDON, June 3. (Reuters): Champions Nottinghamshire, dismissed for only 65 in their first innings, turned in a vastly improved performance second time around yesterday but still face an uphill struggle to avoid defeat against Kent.

After Kent declared at 312 for nine, captain Tim Robinson and Paul Pollard figured in an opening stand of 125 and at the close of play Notts had reached 154 for two, still 94 runs short of making Kent bat again with one day's play remaining in the three-day English County Championship tie.

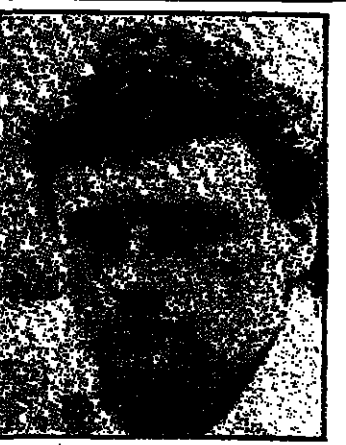
Robinson was out for 56 but Pollard was unbeaten on 69 at the finish.

Dismissed

Somerset paceman Adrian Jones returned career-best figures of seven for 30 as Hampshire were dismissed for 156 and forced to follow on, 152 runs behind Somerset's first innings 308.

Jones took the first six wickets to fall, each one caught in the slips, in the space of 43 balls and at a cost of just 10 runs. Hampshire were 23 without loss in their second innings at the close.

Worcestershire also face a formidable victory target after 19 wickets fell during the day in



Jones: seven for 30

their match against Lancashire. Needing 218, to win, Worcestershire were 36 for two in their second innings, with record-breaking batsman Graeme Hick, scorer of 1,000 runs before the end of May, already back in the pavilion for only eight.

Lancashire had earlier been dismissed for 147 to add to their first innings 189 against Worcestershire's first innings 119.

Paul Allott and Mike Watkinson each took four wickets for Lancashire.

Scores

At Dartford: Nottinghamshire 65 in 45 overs and 154 for two (P. Pollard 69 not out, T. Robinson 56), Kent 312 for nine declared in 111 overs (R. Pienaar 53, R. Ellison 50 not out, S. Marsh 49, C. Penn 40, C. Cairns four for 70).

At Northampton: Yorkshire 155 in 60.4 overs and 119 for four

SPORTS BRIEFS

Dennis Lillee

LONDON, June 3. (Reuters): Former Australian Test bowler Dennis Lillee may be out of English county cricket for two months with an injury to his right ankle, an examination showed yesterday. An exploratory operation revealed that Lillee, who plays for Northamptonshire, has torn ligaments and a slight crack in the ankle bone. He sustained the injury during a match on Monday.

America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 3. (Reuters): The San Diego Yacht Club yesterday described as "totally unacceptable" an offer by New Zealand's Michael Fay to postpone the America's Cup defence until next year and dictate new guidelines for boat design.

Year's fastest

EUGENE, Oregon, June 3. (Reuters): Kevin Young, whose goal for the season is to make the US Olympic team, equalled the fastest 400-metre hurdles time in the world this year when he ran 48.71 seconds on Wednesday in a qualifying heat at the US National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships.

Juventus manager

TURIN, Italy, June 3. (Reuters): Dino Zoff, the veteran goalkeeper who led Italy to World Cup success in Madrid in 1982, was appointed manager of First Division Juventus on Wednesday.

Coronation Cup

EPSOM, England, June 3. (Reuters): Much-travelled Trippych captured the Coronation Cup yesterday, coming late to beat Infamy and Moon Madness to land the group one prize for the second successive year.

Milk race

WESTON SUPER MARE, England, June 3. (AP): British amateur cyclist Gary Baker emerged winner of the fourth stage of the Milk race yesterday holding off a challenge from American Chris Bailey and Marek Kulas of Poland in a chaotic finish. Kulas's third place was enough to give him the overall lead.

Cup captain

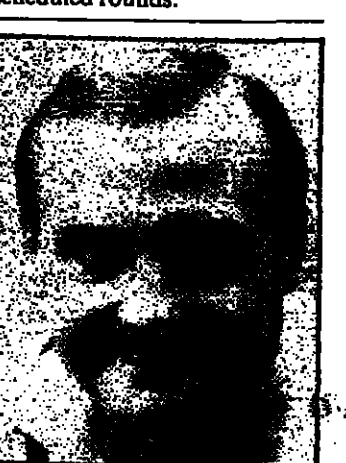
PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla., June 3. (Reuters): Raymond Floyd will captain the 1989 US Ryder Cup team that will attempt to snap a two-match losing streak against the top British and European Golfers, the PGA of America announced on Wednesday.

Diving event

SEOUL, June 3. (Reuters): A spectacular penultimate dive clinched victory for 15-year-old newcomer Guan Xueqing of China over favourite Xu Yanmei in the women's highboard event at the Seoul pre-Olympic International Diving Competition today.

Title bout

CAMPIONE D'ITALIA, Italy, June 3. (Reuters): Vincenzo Belcastro of Italy retained his European bantamweight boxing title on Wednesday when he stopped Spain's Lorenzo Martinez Pacheco in the ninth of 12 scheduled rounds.



Robinson: hit 56

(M. Moxon 44), Northamptonshire 130 in 61.5 overs (C. Shaw four for 50, S. Fletcher three for 24).

At the Oval: Surrey 467 for five declared in 110 overs, Sussex 188 in 58.5 overs and (I. Gould 82 not out, I. Greig four for 44) and 94 for three.

At Southampton: Somerset 308 in 120.4 overs (S. Waugh 115 not out, C. Connor four for 89), Hampshire 156 in 59.3 overs (M. Nicholas 47, A. Jones seven for 30) and 23 for no wicket.

At Worcester: Lancashire 189 in 55 overs and 147 (S. McEwan four for 43), Worcestershire 119 in 63.3 overs (P. Allott four for 29, M. Watkinson four for 37) and 36 for two.

Other match: At Oxford: Gloucestershire 360 for four declared and 20 for one, Oxford University 117 (P. Bainbridge five for 33).

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